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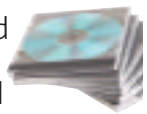


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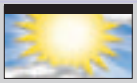


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Give $50K back: NDP

Businesses didn't meet terms of immigrant agreement: Preyra

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

The province should go after $50,000 earned by companies who failed to give adequate business mentorships to newcomers, says NDP immigration critic Leonard Preyra.

"In one case the business was closed during the time the nominee was supposed to do her mentorship," said the Halifax MLA.

The woman was placed at the Mabou River Inn as part of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program's economic stream, he said, but when she arrived at the hotel, it was closed for the season.

Preyra said the company still kept half of the $100,000 the nominee paid for the program and she got nothing.

Paresh Patel works at the Holiday Inn Select in Halifax and says he's gaining more experience, for free, than his wife Kaminaben Patel did working for a local fast food restaurant under the failed program.

She spent four months mopping floors and washing dishes rather than learning middle-management skills, but the company still earned $50,000 for doing virtually nothing.



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Paresh Patel of India says the fast food company his wife was paired with for a business mentorship program, failed to give her adequate experience.

> *« In one case the business was closed during the time the nominee was supposed to do her mentorship. »*
> NDP immigration critic Leonard Preyra

Preyra said he came across more than two dozen cases where businesses profited off the province's immigration program, but failed to provide adequate mentorship.

Mary Anna Jollymore of the Office of Immigration said yesterday 17 businesses that didn't receive a second payment of $50,000 because they hadn't lived up to the deal. But they still got to pocket the first $50,000.

"If they didn't meet the terms of the agreement, then that money should be released into the program's trust fund," Preyra said.

Jollymore said the Office of Immigration is waiting for the second phase of auditor general Jacques Lapointe's report, due in the fall.

Immigration Minister Len Goucher announced this week that nominees who signed work contracts before Oct. 12, 2007, may be eligible for a refund pending the second phase of the report.

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What's luck got to do with it?

Friday the 13th best ignored, expert says

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
The Daily News

If you're a paraskavedekatriaphobe we've got some advice to help you get through this Friday the 13th — positive thoughts, and maybe some magic rocks.

We asked Vanessa Smith, co-owner of alternative spirituality and book store Little Mysteries, for some tips on surviving the day. Her advice in a nutshell: ignore it.

unlucky?

» For the superstitious, this supposedly unlucky day is worst than any mirror-breaking, salt-spilling black cat.

"I don't think the number 13 is unlucky. That's actually a relatively modern concept," she said. "If you don't invest negative energy in it, it'll just be like any other day."

Any other day? Has she seen the Friday the 13th movies?

"Yes, I have. But I don't think Hollywood movies should determine how we live our lives."

Fair enough. But there's got to be something besides positive thinking for the more superstitious among us.

"Mostly the people who ask us about it aren't really worried, they're just curious about where the whole thing comes from," said Smith.

"But for those who want some thing comforting we suggest some stones that are seen as being lucky."

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Canadian shoppers pay about 18 per cent more on items than their American neighbours. Even though the value of the loonie met, and surpassed, the value of the U.S. dollar for weeks at a time in 2007-08, a Bank of Montreal survey of 17 goods reveals Canadians still pay more for everything. METRO HALIFAX

NDP calls on Tories to co-operate with auditor

New Democrat Leader Darrell Dexter called on the premier yesterday to ensure documents are provided to the auditor general when requested.

"There are Conservative ministers that have to be directed to fully and promptly respond to requests for information made by the auditor general," Dexter said.

Auditor General Jacques Lapointe revealed in a report on the Nova Scotia Nominee Program that important documents requested by his office were not provided.

Immigration Minister Len Goucher said the department was advised by lawyers that because of court action between the province and Cornwallis Financial Corp., they had to be withheld.

MacDonald had no further comments yesterday, but said Wednesday his government has been very open with the auditor general, providing about 20,000 documents.

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Poutine from the cafeteria in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Junk food like poutine, bacon cheeseburgers and pop are still available at cafeterias throughout Halifax's hospitals.

MDs urge hospitals to purge junk food

But Capital Health rep says adults can make own choices

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

Poutine, bacon cheeseburgers and pop are still for sale at Halifax hospitals, and a group of local health professionals wants to purge them from the menu.

"We're trying to find people who are doing it right," said Rob Stevenson, a cardiologist who just finished his residency in Halifax.

Stevenson, who is now based in Saint John, N.B., and a group of other cardiologists, nurse practitioners and dieticians from Halifax launched an online survey for hospital cafeteria customers.

The survey asks respondents whether their hospital cafeteria uses deep fryers and sells junk food, and whether whole grains, fruits and vegetables are on the menu.

And people from across the country have responded.

He feels strongly about the issue, saying the health system can't keep up if obesity and diabetes rates continue to soar.

"This isn't just a group of physicians with bad attitudes saying this is how it needs to be," he said.

In March, the group crossed the street to Citadel High in support of the healthy eating policy in all Nova Scotia schools, but ironically, students go to the hospital to dine on poutine and pop.

Stevenson said the goal would be for Capital Health to have a similar healthy-eating policy to the Nova Scotia school system.

Jane Pryor, Capital Health director of food and nutrition services, says its customers are adults who can make their own decisions.

She said healthy options are already widely available in hospital cafeterias and nutritional information is on the way.

She said Capital Health's goal is to become trans fat free, something it's been working toward for three years.

"We are looking for alternates," she said.

Capital Health plans to also consult its cafeteria customers about healthy eating in the coming months and then draft a new menu.

"Healthy eating at Capital Health will look significantly different in the next two years," she said.

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survey

» The survey is available through a link in Weighty Matters, a blog operated by Yoni Freedhoff, an Ottawa obesity doctor.

»news In Brief

» **GUARDS** The Justice Department plans to arm corrections officers, but is still trying to figure out the details. The Department of Labour issued an order that guards must be equipped with pepper spray, Tasers or batons when escorting prisoners. A Justice spokesperson said it's working on a response, and has until June 24, adding it does intend to comply with the order. METRO HALIFAX

Dalhousie construction draws complaints

Projects discussed at public meeting

By **JENNIFER TAPLIN**
Metro Halifax

Old Dalhousie buildings are already coming down to make way for the future.

The university hosted a public meeting last night to talk about two construction projects: the life science research institute and a new academic building on Cobequid Road.

Charles Crosby, Dalhousie spokesman, said they've already started demolition for the academic building.

"Whenever we go forward with a major project we want to make sure the neighbours have an opportunity to be consulted and to get a sense of where we'd like to go from here," Crosby said in an interview yesterday afternoon.

Some members of the Friends of the Halifax Common were in attendance. Earlier this week they voiced their complaints about the brain repair centre, which will be located in the life science research institute.

We "believe any portion of the Grace Maternity site not used for the building has to be landscaped to reflect the fact that it's Halifax Common land," said Friends member Sheilagh Hunt. "The city needs to be creating more green space, not less, and certainly not paid parking lots."

Crosby said he's well aware of the Friends' complaints.

"They haven't been shy about sharing our thoughts with us, but this is another opportunity for them to hear what we're proposing and for us to hear what's on their minds."

The academic building is slated for completion by June 2010 and April 2011 for the sciences building.

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Stroke signs going unheeded

Only half of Nova Scotians would take action if they saw a warning sign of stroke, says a new report.

A poll of adults commissioned by the Heart and Stroke Foundation showed that nearly three quarters of Canadians recognize at least one warning sign of stroke, but only 50 per cent would call 9-1-1.

"With stroke, every minute counts," foundation spokesperson Sandra Black said in a press release.

"Time is brain. Each minute delay in calling 9-1-1 increases the odds of permanent brain damage, disability or death," said Black.

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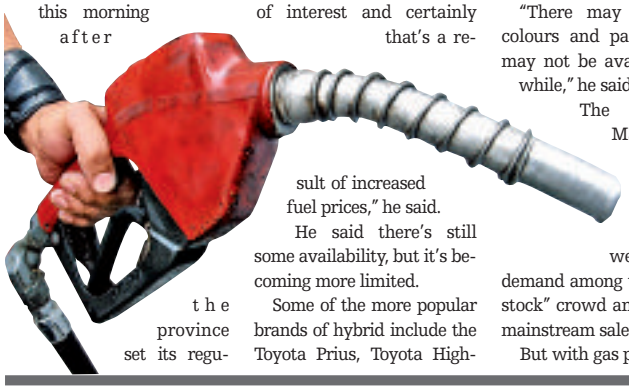
Hybrids looking better

Fuel-efficient cars selling as prices at the pumps soar

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Hybrid cars are getting harder to come by.

News 95.7 predicted yesterday Nova Scotia would see its highest gas hike so far this morning after the province set its regulated gas price for the week.



They said gas stations could be charging as much as 6.5 cents a litre more bringing the grand total to around $1.42 a litre.

And Patrick O'Regan, president of O'Regan's New and Used Cars, said as fuel prices continue to soar, certain types of hybrids are becoming more difficult to find.

"There's been an awful lot of interest and certainly that's a result of increased fuel prices," he said.

He said there's still some availability, but it's becoming more limited.

Some of the more popular brands of hybrid include the Toyota Prius, Toyota Highlander hybrid, Toyota Camry hybrid, Honda Civic hybrid and the Ford Escape hybrid.

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> *Patrick O'Regan, president O'Regan's New and Used Cars*

O'Regan said the Prius is likely the model that would be least available or would have a longer wait and wait time depends on the order.

"There may be certain colours and packages that may not be available for a while," he said.

The Globe and Mail reported yesterday that until recently, hybrid cars were in high demand among the "Birkenstock" crowd and weren't a mainstream sale.

But with gas prices reaching $1.40 a litre, "Bill and Betty Nice" have shown up, one car dealer told the Globe.

O'Regan said availability of hybrids certainly hasn't reached a crisis point in Nova Scotia yet, but they are selling like hot cakes.

He said gas prices together with increased environmental awareness were bringing customers into the store, asking for more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"A double interest would be an interest in environmental stewardship and having a lighter footprint," he said.

In the Globe and Mail report, sales of some brands of hybrids had more than doubled from May 2007 to May 2008.

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Downtown important: DHBC

Group says city core should be election platform

The Downtown Halifax Business Commission (DHBC) wants the downtown to be an election platform for candidates running in October's upcoming municipal election.

"We want to put downtown on the table as something that's important for all voters, and hopefully we can get traction on that from the rural and suburban areas," said Paul MacKinnon, commission executive director.

"We know the downtown tax base subsidizes the rest of HRM. … Downtown is the cash cow."

> « *We know the downtown tax base subsidizes the rest of HRM. … Downtown is the cash cow.* »
> *DHBC's Paul MacKinnon*

MacKinnon spoke to about 75 people at the state of the downtown address and annual general meeting yesterday.

He said only 0.6 per cent of the city's commercial and tax base is spent downtown.

"You should support reinvestment in the downtown simply because it's going to make you more money. It's going to make the city more money," MacKinnon said after the meeting.

"If the city makes more money, that's more put into a playground in your neighbourhood anywhere within HRM."

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Court

Man loses fight to remain anonymous

APPEAL The Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear the appeal of a young man who fought to keep his name from the media, reported CBC News Online yesterday.

Garman Davison Smith of Nova Scotia was convicted of killing taxi driver Kenneth Purcell just months before his 18th birthday and received an adult sentence. Smith tried to appeal the lifting of a publication ban by the Court of Appeal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The noon gun will have some company today. Soldiers in town from New Brunswick are firing blanks with mini-canons at the Royal Artillery Park in Halifax today to pay their respects to the commander of Land Force Atlantic Area. Show time is at 6:30. METRO HALIFAX

Chopping up dreams

Victim shocked to see truck destroyed by chop shop

By **JENNIFER TAPLIN**
Metro Halifax



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Corey MacDonald shows the extent of damage to his truck which was stolen then recovered when police busted a chop shop last month. MacDonald was shocked to see the remains of the truck he worked on for hours with his father.

Corey MacDonald was heartbroken when he walked out of a movie theatre in Truro and realized his truck was stolen. He didn't think he'd see it again.

Then a few weeks ago, MacDonald got a call from the RCMP: His beloved 1995 Chevy truck, or rather most of it, was recovered from a chop shop.

"I was disgusted when I found out. It wasn't just one guy, it was a group of them. For the work I put into that truck and they take it from me, I was pretty heartbroken," he told reporters at a press conference yesterday.

The truck sitting behind yellow police tape at Impact Auto Auction near the airport was ripped up inside.

"I hate looking at it right now," MacDonald said gesturing to the truck that he and his dad spent hours fixing up.

The insurance money kicked in and now MacDonald has a 2007 Dodge Ram. He said he's a little paranoid about it and plans to get an alarm installed.

His old truck now belongs to the insurance company and it will be auctioned off at the end of June. MacDonald said he plans to buy the truck back and make it into a 'mud truck.'

"It was my first truck and I had planned on keeping it for some time."

Police found most of the owners of 18 mutilated vehicles recovered from a very active chop shop in Harrietsfield. Four men were arrested and RCMP say there could be more arrests coming.

Const. Darryl Morgan said it was a massive organized auto theft ring, preying primarily on vehicles left in parking lots. Police had been on the trail of this chop shop for some time and Morgan said they estimate hundreds of vehicles filtered through it in the last few years.

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Seaways key to defending Arctic

International experts meet to discuss challenges

By **JENNIFER TAPLIN**
Metro Halifax



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Rob Huebert, a political scientist from Calgary is in town this weekend for a Maritime Security Conference.

It may have been sunny and warm outside, but inside the Maritime Warfare Centre thoughts turned to ice and snow.

Defence experts are hashing out ideas on how to defend the Arctic during a three-day international meeting at CFB Halifax.

"There's been a realization that the Arctic has transformed so rapidly that the navy has to play a critical role," said Rob Huebert, an academic from Calgary.

Control of the Arctic has become an important issue since it's now more accessible, and desirable considering the massive reserves of oil and gas.

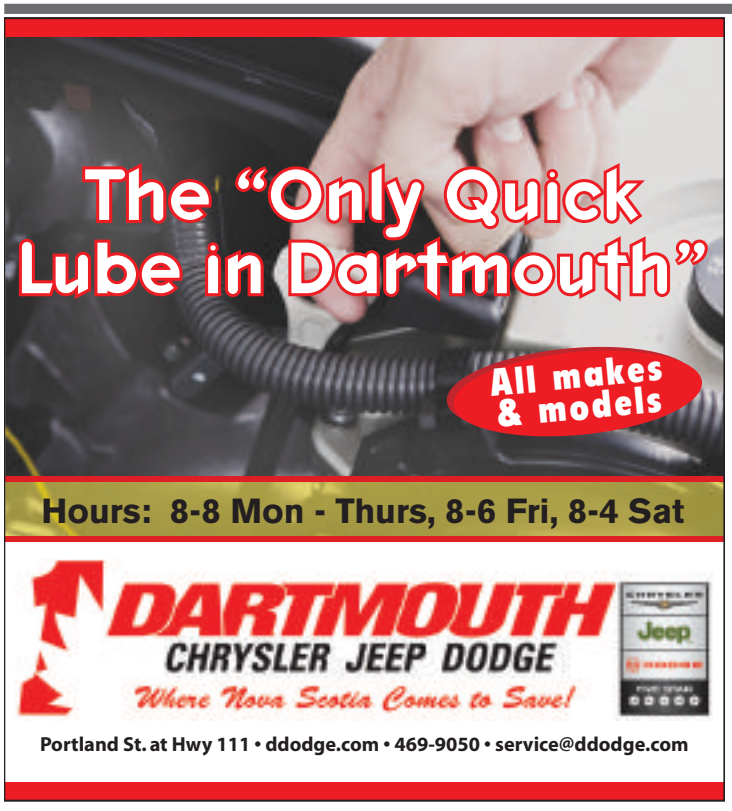
Canada, the U.S., Russia, Norway and Denmark are negotiating Arctic boundaries.

Yesterday government and military officials as well as academics and visitors from the U.S., Denmark and Norway ran through an Arctic defense simulation.

"The scenario was you had this one vessel that was a known polluter that was coming into Canadian waters and running into problems," Huebert said.

From the simulation, they realized the navy and coast guard can't work alone when responding to a crisis in the Arctic, he added.

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Couple inspired to race

Recent grads plan to sign up for 2009 Clipper Race

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
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Clipper Round the World boats made their way out of Halifax Harbour yesterday morning for the next leg of their race to Sydney, Cape Breton.

A chance encounter at the Economy Shoe Shop now has two people set to travel across the world.

Kieh Christopherson, 23, was waitressing at the Shoe Shop when she began serving a group of sailors. It turns out they were crew from the Clipper Round the World yacht race that left Halifax yesterday.

After looking into the race, which allows amateur sailors to race around the world, Christopherson and her boyfriend, Chris Herrmann, decided to sign up.

"I'm excited. I'm really, really looking forward to it," she said.

While Hermann is an avid sailor, Christopherson hasn't had much sailing experience. But she figures she'll be able to adjust to the radically different lifestyle in September of 2009 when she departs on a ten-month voyage around the globe.

Both are recent university graduates — her from Western, him from Dalhousie — and the race costs thousands of dollars for each leg. But they plan on saving and fundraising to make it happen.

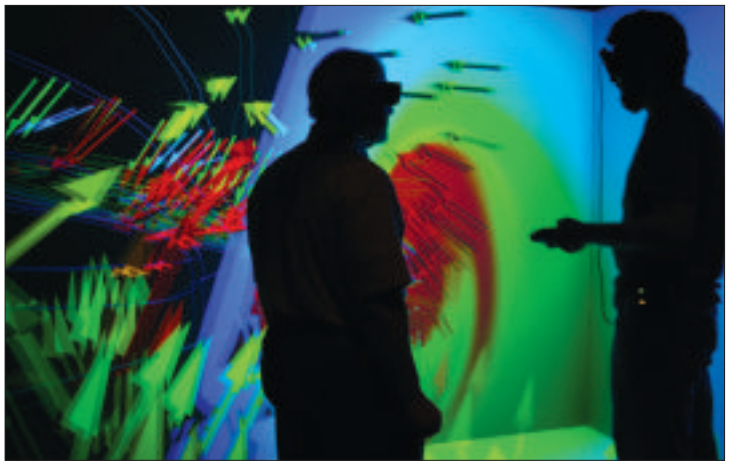
"I'm pretty optimistic we'll be able to do it. We have a full year, so if we just keep our eyes on the prize I think we can achieve it."

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Cutting-edge 'cave'

Anything's possible in SMU's virtual reality chamber

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax



Robert Deupree, left, and John Ramsey look at a model explosion in the SMU Data Cave.

Imagine being able to move a refrigerator across the kitchen with a wave of your hand, or blaze through digital menus with a flick of the wrist like Tom Cruise in the movie Minority Report.

Robert Deupree and his team don't have to imagine it, they just have to program it.

The Saint Mary's University Data Cave — called simply "the cave" — is one of only 10 state-of-the-art virtual reality chambers that are far more than just a fun toy.

This is far beyond the red and blue glasses you get at 3-D movies. One moment, grad students Jon Ramsey and Chris Geroux could be exploring the inside of a molecule. The next they're in a virtual kitchen tossing around appliances. It's all because of the cave — a 10-foot by 10-foot room where the walls and floor are made up of screens.

Separate projectors shine images designed for each eye at 60 frames per second each. Special goggles bring the images together and present them in three dimensions.

From practising surgery to previewing the inside of your yet-to-be-built house, there's no end to the possible uses for this technology.

"These things could happen now. All it needs is someone to put the time and resources into it," said Ramsey.

And that's the obstacle. The cave costs about $1.5 million. It was funded through government grants for a consortium of Atlantic universities called ACEnet. But as costs plummet and more people start building programs, such rooms could be widely used within a decade.

"They'll look back at this just like we look back at Pong," said Deupree.

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Tourism meeting planned

Maine director of tourism Pat Eltman will be meeting local tourism officials in Yarmouth to discuss how to increase visits between the two destinations.

Maine and local tourism officials will be meeting in Yarmouth on June 16 to discuss ways of enhancing the visitor experience and increasing tourism visits in Maine and Nova Scotia.

The Maine delegation includes Maine director of tourism Pat Eltman, Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce executive director Chris Fogg and Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau marketing manager Lianon Close.

Bay Ferries Limited is assisting with the exchange.

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»news In Brief

» **THEFT** An overnight break-in at Tri-Star Industries this week resulted in the theft of around $8,000 worth of equipment. The Yarmouth town RCMP detachment responded to a call of break, enter and theft at a welding shop at the Forest Street business at 5 a.m. on Tuesday. Stolen from the shop was approximately $8,000 worth of equipment including a Spectrum plasma cutter, brass hose torches, a welding hose complete with welding gun, various power tools and eight-by-20 foot lengths of copper ground cables.

» **AVIATION** Passenger traffic is up almost 14 per cent at Sydney Airport for the first four months of 2008 as a large number of Cape Bretoners head to the oil patch in Alberta. The Atlantic Canada Airports Association reported Wednesday that more than 32,000 passengers have passed through Sydney Airport from January to the end of April, representing a 13.8 per cent increase over the same period in 2007.

» **AWARD** Hans Christian Jost of Gaspereau Vineyards accepted a lifetime achievement award at the Atlantic Canada Wine Symposium. The symposium, held June 8-10 at the Old Orchard Inn, was a meeting place for industry insiders to discuss the particular benefits and challenges of wine producing in the Atlantic Region.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper has appointed Associate Chief Justice Jeffrey Oliphant of Manitoba's Court of Queen's Bench to head the inquiry into the business dealings of former prime minister Brian Mulroney and Karlheinz Schreiber, left. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Download crackdown

New bill seeks to go after big fish, not individuals



VINCE TALOTTA/TROSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Owners of shops selling counterfeit DVDs, such as this one, will now be subject to penalties of up to five years in jail, under new legislation tabled by the Tories yesterday.

Canadians will be allowed to copy legally acquired music to their IPods and computers, but would be banned from getting around any digital locks that companies might apply, under new legislation introduced in Parliament yesterday.

The bill, introduced by Industry Minister Jim Prentice, would also reduce the penalties that companies could seek for most private infringements of copyrights to a maximum total of $500 from a previous $20,000 per infringement.

Currently, for example, someone downloading five movies without authorization for private use could be sued for $100,000, whereas now the maximum would be $500 — a level that would make firms unlikely to pursue such individuals.

"It's not a fine. It's actually a form of damages. In other words, it's the rights holders that have to pursue. It's not the state — it's not criminal," a government official, who asked not to be identified, told reporters in a briefing.

Heavy, commercial levels of piracy, however, could face far more severe liabilities in corporate lawsuits and would also continue to be subject to government prosecution, with penalties of up to five years in prison.

Industry officials say their big concern is not individual private infringements, but those who upload material to the Internet and make money from it. Canadian performers said the new legislation would help protect their work. REUTERS

Report on Tasers delayed a week

Stockwell Day requests to meet chief watchdog

The federal police watchdog has delayed a report expected to raise concerns about the use of electronic stun guns so the government can have more time to look at the report's findings, an official said yesterday.

The report was prompted by an incident last year that left a Polish immigrant dead at Vancouver's airport after he was shot by police with a Taser gun. It had been scheduled to be released in Ottawa yesterday, but in a last-minute change the release has been pushed back to next Wednesday.

Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day asked for the delay so he could meet first with the watchdog, Paul Kennedy, who is chairman of the Commission on Public Complaints against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Kennedy's spokesman said.

An interim report by Kennedy in December urged police to restrict use of the weapons made by Taser International Inc. until questions are answered.

He stopped short of calling for a moratorium. REUTERS



Stockwell Day

out of country

» Day, who has a copy of the final report, is travelling outside the country, so Kennedy agreed to delay the release until he can meet with Day in person, the spokesman said.

Security for migrants urged

The organization that oversees immigration consultants is toothless and should be dismantled, replaced by a statutory body empowered to go after unscrupulous advisers who prey on vulnerable migrants, urges a report tabled in the House of Commons yesterday.

The report by the standing committee on citizenship and immigration, following three months of cross-country consultation hearings examining issues facing Canada's immigration system, found the current regulatory model is full of glaring loopholes that allows anyone to call themselves an immigration consultant and to operate with little or no scrutiny.

It proposes a new regulatory body be set up to run like a provincial law society. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quotas coming into effect

South Asians are disproportionately hard hit by visa quotas and huge backlogs for immigrants, government numbers obtained through a Freedom of Information request show.

The quota, or target as Ottawa calls it, for the New Delhi office is 9,245 visas a year. The backlog as of April 10, 2008, was 145,556. With no new applications, it would take a little under 16 years to clear that. Those numbers are for economic migrants who want permanent resident visas, not family reunification or refugee visas.

"Someone doesn't want to tell people from India that they are getting hit and hit hard," said Vancouver lawyer Richard Kurland, who got the numbers from Citizenship and Immigration Canada through a Freedom of Information request. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario **Protesting truck plant closure**



RICK MADONIK/REUTERS

About 2,000 people demonstrated at the Oshawa, Ont. GM headquarters yesterday after last week's sudden announcement to close an Oshawa truck facility. The closure will cost 2,600 people their jobs. As the protest was going on, GM was in court seeking a injunction to end an eight-day blockade by the workers.

Defending NAFTA pact

Attacks on the North American Free Trade Agreement in the U.S. presidential campaign and in Congress are prompting Canada to send out its diplomats to give the 14-year-old pact a boost.

Senior envoys from Canadian consulates in New York, San Francisco, Detroit, Miami, Denver, Seattle and seven other U.S. cities fanned out across Capitol Hill on Wednesday to argue the agreement has benefited Canada, Mexico and the United States far more than it has hurt them.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has promised to renegotiate NAFTA to include stronger protections for workers and the environment, after a tough Democratic primary battle with Hillary Clinton in which both candidates frequently criticized the agreement that took effect Jan. 1, 1994. REUTERS

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Canada gives $550M more for Afghan aid

International donors promise $22 billion in aid

Rallying to the struggle for Afghanistan, international donors exceeded expectations yesterday with aid pledges of nearly $22 billion in a collective gesture representing a new emphasis on development over military action.

Duelling messages dominated the day, with Afghan President Hamid Karzai urging donors to embrace "Afghanization" of the project by apportioning a greater share of funds to the control of his fledgling government.

Many international donors, including Canada's interim Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson, answered by outlining plans to follow the money to better ensure the corruption-plague regime makes effective use of the resources.

"We made clear to the president that Canadians expect if we're going to be in Afghanistan — Canadian lives are being lost here, there's a lot of money being spent — there's got to be sense of public confidence that the money and the lives are in pursuit of something worthy," Emerson told reporters.

"When there's a scent of corruption, you get people turning off, and so I explained to him the importance of dealing with that, and dealing with it in very specific ways."

Emerson announced Canada will provide an additional $550 million for the period ending in 2011.

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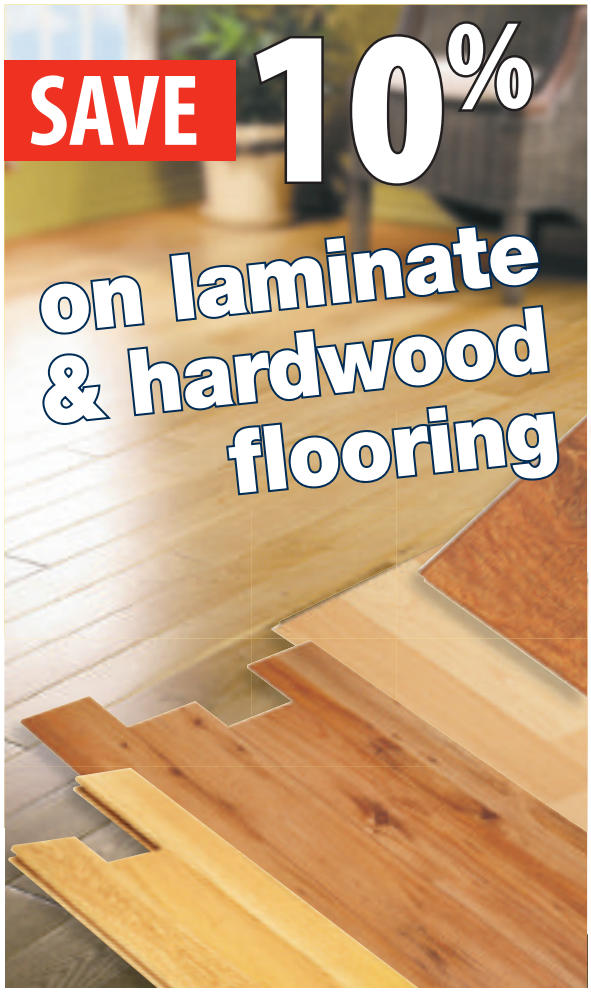
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Vancouver Olympics warns against counterfeiters

Organizers of the 2010 Olympics are launching a preemptive attack against counterfeit goods claiming to be linked to the Winter Games in Vancouver, officials said yesterday.

An advertising campaign will warn consumers they cannot be assured of the safety of fake or unlicensed Olympic-related merchandise, or that the factories that made it met the ethical standards required of sanctioned producers.

Vancouver organizers have not seen a large amount of counterfeit merchandise yet, but expect problems will increase after the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing when world attention begins to shift to the Games in Canada.

The Vancouver Organizing Committee also renewed its warning about ticket scalping, saying it will be using "secret shoppers" to buy tickets from unauthorized dealers to figure out where they came from.

VANOC has already warned it has identified at least one unnamed national Olympic committee as being a potential source of tickets for scalpers. The national committees get first rights to some tickets, but cannot resell them.

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»news In Brief

» **NATIVES** A Conservative MP who on Wednesday told an Ottawa radio station that former residential school students need a stronger work ethic, not more compensation dollars, has apologized for his comments. Pierre Poilievre stood in the House of Commons yesterday to say his remarks were out of line and inappropriate.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stripping down for cancer

Underwear Affair to raise awareness in Edmonton

By **ROB MCLAUCHLIN**
Metro Edmonton

The streets of Edmonton around the university will be filled tomorrow with people baring what they dare in their underwear, running and walking to raise awareness and money to fight cancers below the waist.

"Some people are so brave!" says, cancer survivor Erin Van Oene who will walk with her sons Gabriel, 2, and Liam, five months.

She is cheerily unaware of the irony in her statement since Erin is clearly one of the bravest people in the event that starts at the Butterdome at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Erin had an ovarian tumour surgically removed in 2004, when she was 26.

"I was lucky. We got it as it was just turning cancerous. It was eight inches, by eight inches by eight inches," she says, in a matter-of-fact way.



ROB MCLAUCHLIN/METRO EDMONTON

Erin Van Oene, with sons Gabriel, 2, and Liam, five months, at their home in Stony Plain. The three will take part in the Underwear Affair walk/run on Saturday to raise money for cancers below the waist.

"I told my friends, at least I'm losing five pounds!"

They took out the cancer in the first operation and later went in and removed an ovary. The remaining one definitely works, Erin says, since both of her boys were born after the operation.

But her battle isn't over just yet.

Doctors have discovered four lesions on her liver, one of which is growing.

She is scheduled for more tests before they determine what to do next.

She laughs at some of the costumes.

The weather will determine what she'll wear: "I might wear something shimmery. But it won't be too revealing."

She says she doesn't want to show her surgical scars.

"Last year, one guy wore just a G-string, with his little butt cheeks showing," she chuckles.

Linda Mickelson, CEO of the Alberta Cancer Foundation, is hoping for a big turnout to compete with Calgary's event last week where $936,000 was raised.

"It was a phenomenal success. Twelve hundred people turned out in a monsoon. It was pouring rain," Mickelson said.

Ruling angers MADD

Anti-drunk driving activists are furious that a notorious northern Alberta drunk driver who killed a mother and three children in an alcohol-fuelled, head-on crash will not be declared a dangerous offender.

"How many more people does he need to kill before he is considered a dangerous offender?" asked Margaret Miller, national president for MADD Canada, in a phone interview.

Raymond Charles Yellowknee faces a sentence of 20 years in prison minus four years credit for time already served and has been declared a long-term offender, judge Ernie Walter ruled yesterday in Slave Lake. Yellowknee has also faced 71 charges related to impaired driving since he was 18, but has only been in jail for one year

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Alberta to fund HPV vaccine

Alberta has decided to fund a controversial vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, the last province to do so in Canada despite continued opposition.

Beginning in September, girls entering Grade 5 will be eligible for the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. Ninth-graders will be eligible in September 2009.

"This voluntary immunization program is really about taking preventive action to keep our female students healthy," said Education Minister Dave Hancock in a release.

Some Christian groups say the shot encourages teenage girls to have sex.

Dr. Simon Dobson, of Canada's Vaccine Evaluation Centre, has told Metro that the vaccine has received unfair media attention.

"According to a national study, it shows a parent's religious belief is not an issue when it comes to immunize their girls," said Dobson.

About 180 Alberta women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and 40 will die from the disease.

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world



U.S. pop star Madonna's brother Christopher Ciccone, left, has written a memoir called Life With My Sister Madonna, to be published next month by Simon and Schuster. REUTERS

Internal threats worry China

Olympic security to hit unprecedented level, Interpol says

China is more concerned about domestic than international terrorism and is pouring unprecedented resources into ensuring the security of the Beijing Olympics, the head of Interpol said yesterday.

Ronald Noble said foreign militants would find it very difficult to operate in China but this did not necessarily mean the risk of a terrorist attack was lower than at the two previous Summer Games, in Sydney and Athens.

"No, I can say that the Chinese authorities have said they are more worried about a terrorist threat coming from inside than from outside, or inspired by inside-related activities than outside-related activities," he told Reuters.

Munich incident

» Security has been an ever-present worry at Olympic Games since 11 Israelis died in Munich in 1972 after Palestinian gunmen took them hostage and German authorities botched a rescue attempt.

Noble said pro-Tibet protests that disrupted the international Olympic torch relay this year had increased concern that "people might want to use the Olympics in order to make a statement against China."

"But the Chinese authorities have devoted more resources to making sure these are safe Olympics than any other country has ever before, and China is a very, very difficult country for a foreigner to operate in without him, or her, or that group being detected," Noble said.

"And so for that reason, from Interpol's perspective, I can say with all honesty there isn't anything else that I believe China should be doing or could be doing to ensure that there would be a safe and secure Olympics." REUTERS

Obama website to fight rumours

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama yesterday launched a website to dispel rumours about his faith and patriotism and his wife's views on race that have dogged his candidacy for more than a year.

The website, at *http://www.fightthesmears.com*, offers detailed responses to several rumours that have continued to circulate online and in conservative news outlets despite efforts to knock them down, and encourages supporters to e-mail those responses to others.

"The Obama campaign isn't going to let dishonest smears spread across the Internet unanswered," spokesman Tommy Vietor said. "It's not enough to just know the truth, we have to be proactive and fight back." REUTERS

Weather

Boy Scouts among tornado deaths

U.S. A tornado roared through a Boy Scout camp in Iowa and flattened a cabin where many campers had sought shelter, killing four teenaged boys and injuring dozens. Close to 100 Boy Scouts scrambled for safety in shelters at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch when the tornado hit Wednesday evening. REUTERS

Pakistan **Effigy of Musharraf burns**



MOHSIN RAZA/REUTERS

Lawyers chant as they burn an effigy of President Pervez Musharraf during a cross-country rally by lawyers and political activists in Lahore yesterday. Hundreds of Pakistani lawyers and political activists began the rally to press the new government to restore judges Musharraf fired.

China, Taiwan to sign flight deal

China and Taiwan are expected to sign a landmark deal today to launch regular flights between the long-time rivals, though they will be limited to weekend charters, as politics is put aside in favour of practicalities.

Apart from special holidays, there have been no regular direct flights across the Taiwan Strait since 1949, when defeated Nationalist forces fled to the island amid civil war with the Communists.

Taiwan media said that the first flights would start on July 4, and that the first Chinese tour groups to Taiwan would start arriving from July 18, two key election pledges of new, more China-friendly Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou. REUTERS

Britain to probe loss of secret file

Important papers forgotten on train

Britain said yesterday it would look into and explain an embarrassing revelation that a senior intelligence official had left a file with top secret documents about Iraq and al Qaeda on a train.

A passenger found the orange folder on a London commuter train and handed it over to the broadcaster BBC, which said it contained highly sensitive details about Iraq's security forces and the British government's latest assessment of al Qaeda.

other news

» A leading British opposition politician suddenly quit yesterday to force an election which will keep the pressure on Prime Minister Gordon Brown over his plans to toughen terrorism laws.

The unnamed official who lost the papers worked in the cabinet office, the central government department that supports the work of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and has been suspended from his duties. Brown said it was "a very serious incident."

"We will have to trace where these documents have gone, if they have gone anywhere (other) than in an envelope to a local BBC station," he told reporters. "We will inquire and report on all the circumstances in which this happened."

Government sources indicated the news was more an embarrassment than an actual threat to Britain's security. But the revelation is another blow for Brown, who has already been stung by accusations of lax security after a civil servant lost computer discs containing the names, addresses and bank details of 25 million people in the mail last year. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **STRIKE** U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday he regretted that a U.S. air strike killed 11 Pakistani soldiers, and invited Pakistani and Afghan officials to help investigate the incident.

» **HOAX** A German sports reporter who was late for his plane to cover the European Championships staged a bomb scare at Italy's Verona airport in order to delay its take-off, police said.

» **RULING** Guantanamo Bay prisoners can go before U.S. federal judges to challenge their years-long detention, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday in a landmark decision that delivered another setback for U.S. President George W. Bush's war on terrorism.

» **STRIKES** Spain and Malaysia tightened security yesterday to stop strikes against soaring global fuel prices turning violent, as well as snarling road networks and slowing deliveries of food and raw materials. REUTERS

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Stem cell scams on web

Experts worried about false healing claims

Some unethical websites and clinics are offering "snake oil" treatments that claim to provide cures using stem cells but are at best raising false hopes, stem cell experts said yesterday.

The International Society for Stem Cell Research said it wants to counter these misleading claims with a set of guidelines for researchers and the public alike, in part to preserve the reputation of the field.

"These guidelines are critically important to the future success of the field," said Dr. George Daley, president of the group and a stem cell researcher at Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

"Not only does the use of untested therapies put patients at risk, it jeopardizes the legitimate practice of all translational stem cell research."

The group declined to name any website or clinic but said they are widely advertised.

The websites say they "can cure any disease you can find in a pathology textbook," said Dr. Giulio Cossu, a stem cell expert at the San Raffaele institute in Milan, Italy.

master cells

» Stem cells are the body's master cells and they come in a wide range of forms, from the cells in bone marrow that are widely used to treat cancer and other conditions, to embryonic stem cells — those that give rise to all the cell types in the body.

The researchers told a news conference they hope the standards, which are still being written, will shape research and also let the average patient know what is and what is not available.

"There are extremely high levels of hope and hype and extremely high levels of uncertainty and risk," said Laurie Zoloth, a professor of medical ethics at Northwestern University in Chicago.

"With all the hype there is a risk that patients who are desperate will misunderstand the true level of advancement," Daley said. "They will assume that the cures are already here today or just around the corner."

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Chad **Refugee crisis**



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A refugee girl who fled conflict in Sudan's western Darfur region stands outside a classroom yesterday at Djabal camp near Gos Beida in eastern Chad. There are 250,000 Sudanese refugees scattered in a dozen camps in eastern Chad and 180,000 internally displaced Chadians, UN officials say.

Death of a star witnessed

Scientists glimpse violent explosion

Scientists have for the first time witnessed the flash of light produced inside a dying star just before it explodes, according to a study yesterday that provides a unique glimpse into how a supernova forms.

The red supergiant, more than 500 times more massive than the Earth's own sun, was destroyed after its core collapsed and a deadly shock wave of energy completely blew it up, the astronomers said.

Until now, scientists have only been able to observe the afterglow of such bursts that light up galaxies without knowing which star actually exploded, the researchers reported in the journal Science.

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> *Kevin Schawinski, astronomer*

"We have witnessed the violent death of a massive star in a galaxy almost one billion light years away in unprecedented detail," Kevin Schawinski, an astronomer at the University of Oxford who led the study, said in a telephone interview.

"We caught the star while the supernova shock wave approached the surface of the star and then blew it apart."

A light year is the distance light travels in a year.

After the satellite produced images of a seven-hour flash, the researchers sifted through data taken from telescopes in Hawaii fixed to the same co-ordinates that later confirmed a supernova formed in that precise location, said Stephen Justham, a University of Oxford astronomer who worked on the study.

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court

Body parts thief apologizes

U.S. A New Jersey dentist behind a scheme to steal body parts from corpses, including that of British journalist Alistair Cooke, faced relatives of the dead in court yesterday and apologized for the anguish he caused.

Michael Mastromarino, 44, in March admitted to leading a $4.6-million US operation that stole body parts from funeral homes in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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In Brief

» **CHARITY** Miami has unseated San Diego to win the title of most charitable city in the United States, according to a new report. The Florida metropolis topped the list in the sixth annual report by charity evaluator Charity Navigator.

» **ZIMBABWE** The U.S. condemned as "unconscionable" yesterday an incident in which Zimbabwe authorities seized a truckload of American food aid intended for hungry children and gave it out to government supporters instead.

» **THIEVES** Interpol is closing in on an international jewel thief network dubbed the "Pink Panthers" in an investigation linking 19 countries that highlights the need for police sharing of DNA data, its leader said yesterday.

» **EVACUATION** Flooding rivers across Iowa forced residents to evacuate, closed businesses, wrecked stores and shut down highways and barge traffic, authorities said yesterday.

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Food prices still low in Canada

Hikes slowest after Japan: StatsCan

Here's something to chew on over your morning bowl of cereal: Only 2 per cent of the price is the cost of the grain.

The rest goes to pay for shipping, processing, packaging and advertising, along with heating and lighting the store where it is sold, a Statistics Canada report says.

That's one of the reasons food price inflation remains relatively low in Canada, at 1.2 per cent over the 12 months, even as the price of grain soars on world markets, the study, called Food Prices: A boon for producers, a buffer for consumers, concludes.

farmers

» Canada's farmers acknowledge the global boom is benefitting their bottom line, after years of negative profit margins. Farm cash receipts rose to a record $40.5 billion, the StatsCan report noted.

Canada has the second lowest food price inflation in the world, after Japan.

A rising dollar has made imports, like fruits and vegetables, cheaper, offsetting higher prices for things like bread and pasta. Canada's supply management system, which limits imports of poultry, eggs and milk, keep prices for those goods relatively stable.

And the entry of Wal-Mart Canada into the fresh food market has sparked a price war. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bureau probes price fixing

Criminal charges laid over alleged gas collusion

record high gas

» Gas prices have reached $1.51 per litre at some Quebec pumps in recent days.

The federal Competition Bureau says it is investigating gas price fixing in other provinces in the wake of criminal charges and convictions in Quebec.

The bureau announced at a news conference in Montreal that criminal charges have been laid against 13 people and 11 companies for allegedly fixing gasoline prices in four Quebec markets. This is the first time since 1955 that a gas price fixing prosecution has resulted in convictions, said competition bureau commissioner Sheridan Scott.

Three companies and one individual pleaded guilty to the charges yesterday. The companies were fined a total of $2 million.

Scott said gas retailers in Thetford Mines, Victoriaville, Magog and Sherbrooke allegedly phoned each other to agree on gasoline prices.

Ultramar was fined $1.85 million. An Ultramar employee was fined $50,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Recession in U.S. may hurt banks

The possibility of a U.S. recession is the biggest risk for the global financial system, and would have dire consequences for the Canadian economy and domestic banks, the Bank of Canada said yesterday.

However, the central bank said the threat of a deeper-than-expected U.S. downturn is low and that Canadian financial institutions are well-placed to absorb such a shock even though their increased exposure to U.S. securities has made them more vulnerable.

If the U.S. economy does worsen more than anticipated, Canadian banks would likely see further writedowns, shrinking profits and higher loan loss provisions. This in turn would jack up bank funding costs and lead to tighter credit for consumers and business. REUTERS

Hydrogen **New fuel station**



FRED PROUSER/REUTERS

A General Motors Equinox Fuel-Cell vehicle is refueled with hydrogen in Burbank, Calif. GM announced Wednesday that it is partnering with Clean Energy Fuels Corp. to open a new hydrogen fuelling station near Los Angeles airport.

cyberspace

Yahoo reaches Google ad deal

TALKS END Yahoo Inc and Microsoft Corp. ended talks as the Web pioneer agreed to let archrival Google Inc sell search ads on its site, the companies said yesterday. Yahoo said it had agreed to let Google put search ads on its site in what it called an $800 million annual revenue opportunity. REUTERS

financing deal

InBev secures $40B funding

BEER InBev, the brewer of Stella Artois and Beck's, beer, despite tight credit markets and fears of looming write-downs at Wall Street banks, secured $40 billion US in funding for its bid for U.S. beer brewer Anheuser-Busch Cos. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **NICKEL** London nickel futures surged 6 per cent yesterday after a plant in Australia said it would shut for repairs, hitting $24,600 US a tonne, its highest level since May 22.

» **TAKEOVER** Contract oil driller Grey Wolf turned down Precision Drilling Trust's $1.6 billion unsolicited takeover bid yesterday, opting to go forward with its own acquisition of Basic Energy Services. REUTERS

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Maple Leafs forward Kyle Wellwood, left, suffered a broken bone in his foot while playing indoor soccer recently, the Windsor Star reports. Wellwood said he hopes to be fully recovered in time for training camp. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chinese legend en garde for Canada



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Beijing 2008 Olympic Preview

At about 10:30 a.m. yesterday, **Jujie Luan** received a clean bill of health from her doctor in Edmonton.

What does this have to do with the price of tea in China?

Well, nothing, but it certainly will increase the price of Olympic tickets in China.

Luan, see, is a Chinese legend. She won a gold medal for China in fencing in 1984. She is officially listed as one of China's top 50 sports stars. Her image has adorned Chinese postage stamps. A movie chronicled her life. There were several Chinese best-selling books on her. Chinese youngsters still study her feats in textbooks. She is as recognizable in China as, say, **Wayne Gretzky** in Canada.

You get the picture.

Now, Luan is hoping to become a two-country legend. At the ripe young age of 50, and after retirement stints of 12 and eight years, Luan qualified recently to represent Canada at this summer's Olympics in China, although she wasn't certain she'd be able to compete until her doctor's appointment yesterday.

"I've been very tired lately," she told me via cellphone as she left the doctor's office. "I needed blood tests. It's my thyroid, but it's OK and I'm going to Beijing."

She'll be a scalper's delight there. She'll draw capacity crowds. She may be the most compelling story at the Games.

Her return is "already all over the Chinese newspapers," said Luan's husband, **Dajin Gu**. "I don't think it's common knowledge in Canada, but it's major, major news there."

Jujie insisted she isn't nervous. "I'm fine mentally," she said. "I've been through a lot."

True. She joined China's national fencing team at 16 and became the world's best despite a serious kidney ailment. In 1983, she grew fond of Edmonton while at the World University Games and moved to the city six years later to study English at the University of Alberta. She became a Canadian citizen and was inducted into Edmonton's Hall of Fame this week.

"We would have returned to China, but our oldest child was born here with Down syndrome and we knew we couldn't get affordable health care there," Gu explained, "so we stayed.

"Canada's great. I do nothing. Jujie teaches and coaches (fencing in Edmonton). Our children (Jessica, 16, Jerrica, 14, and Daniel, 10) are happy."

They'd be happier, of course, if mom wins another medal, but Gu has cautioned them.

"She has no chance," he said. "Fencing is a young people's sport. Jujie has great technique and she dreams of another medal, but reality is reality."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



BEN LEMPHERS/METRO EDMONTON

Master fencer Jujie Luan, who has taught the sport at the Edmonton Fencing club for 20 years, will be representing Canada at the Beijing Olympics in August.



MARTIN ROSE/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Ivica Olic of Croatia celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during its 2-1 upset victory over Germany yesterday in a Group B match at the EURO Cup.

Croatia shocks Germany

Late penalty saves co-host Austria

EURO2008

Croatia underlined their growing reputation as Euro 2008's most dangerous dark horse by stunning tournament favourites Germany 2-1 and earning a quarter-final berth in a day of enthralling Group B action yesterday.

The Germans next face co-hosts Austria who rescued a 1-1 draw against Poland with a hotly disputed penalty deep into injury time to the shrill delight of their fans packed into Ernst Happel stadium in the capital Vienna.

Defeat by Austria on Monday — still a long shot — would mean a previously unthinkable first-stage exit for the Germans who are ranked 87 places above their next opponents.

Ivica Vastic's penalty in the 93rd minute for Austria after Sebastian Proedl was hauled down in the Polish area, also ensured that the fast-improving Croatians joined Portugal in the last eight with a group game still to contest. REUTERS

golf

Big names shown up at U.S. Open

UPSTAGED Justin Hicks and Kevin Streelman upstaged Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson by taking charge in yesterday's first round at the U.S. Open. Hicks fired a 3-under 68 to set the early pace before being joined by Streelman late in the day. Woods carded a 72, while playing partner Mickelson returned a 71. REUTERS

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The Cleveland Indians placed Victor Martinez, right, on the disabled list yesterday, and the catcher will probably miss the next six to eight weeks after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow today. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ovechkin hauls in NHL hardware

Capitals superstar adds Hart, Pearson to trophy shelf

Washington Capitals winger Alexander Ovechkin capped a dazzling season by winning the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player last night to complete an unprecedented sweep of awards.

Having already claimed the Art Ross trophy as the NHL's leading points scorer (112) and the Maurice "Rocket" Richard trophy for leading the league in goals (65), the 22-year-old Russian also picked up the Lester B. Pearson Award as the NHL's outstanding player as chosen by his peers.

It marks the first time a player has won the Hart, Pearson, Richard and Ross trophies in the same year.

Ovechkin also won a world championship gold medal after Russia ended a 15-year title drought beating Canada in the championship game in Quebec City last month.

The Caps sniper easily outpointed Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin and Calgary's Jarome Iginla in Hart balloting.

"Next year is a big year for me and for Capitals," Ovechkin said. "I want to win everything so maybe next year the Stanley Cup."

While Ovechkin was favoured to win the Hart, no one would have tipped Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau at the start of the season to be on stage alongside him accepting the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year.

A career-minor leaguer who took over the struggling Caps early in the season, Boudreau guided Washington to their first playoff berth since 2003.

"For this to happen blows me away," Boudreau, a former Nova Scotia Oilers forward, said. "I always dreamed I'd be there but never thought I would."

Other awards handed out at the NHL's gala evening included a sixth Norris Trophy as the league's top defenceman for Nicklas Lidstrom, the captain of the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

Teammate Pavel Datsyuk picked up two trophies — the Frank Selke (top defensive forward) and Lady Byng (most gentlemanly player).

New Jersey's Martin Brodeur won his fourth Vezina Trophy in the past five seasons as the NHL's top netminder while Chicago's Patrick Kane won the Calder Trophy as the top rookie. REUTERS

and the winners are...

- Hart Trophy (MVP) — Alex Ovechkin, F, WAS
- Vezina Trophy (Top Goaltender) — Martin Brodeur, NJ
- Norris Trophy (Top Defenceman) — Niklas Lidstrom, DET
- Calder Trophy (Top Rookie) — Patrick Kane, F, CHI
- Lady Byng Trophy (Most Sportsmanlike) — Pavel Datsyuk, F, DET
- Jack Adams Award (Top Coach) — Bruce Boudreau, WAS
- Selke Trophy (Top Defensive Forward) — Pavel Datsyuk, DET
- Masterton Trophy (Perseverance, Sportsmanship and Dedication to Hockey) — Jason Blake, F, TOR
- Pearson Award (Most Outstanding Player as voted by players) — Alex Ovechkin, F, WAS

Celts pull off miracle comeback

Boston just 1 win away from title

CELTICS 97 LAKERS 91

The Boston Celtics used their defence to generate one of the greatest comebacks in playoff history and now stand one win from their first championship since 1986.

Paul Pierce scored 20 points as the Celtics rallied from a 24-point first-half deficit to beat the Los Angeles Lakers last night in Game 4 of the NBA Finals. Boston's defence locked down on Kobe Bryant and outscored the Lakers, 57-33 in the second half.



Pierce

The Celtics, trying for their record 17th championship, lead the best-of-seven series 3-1 by virtue of just their third road victory in this year's playoffs.

Kevin Garnett added 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Ray Allen made a huge contribution with 19 points and nine rebounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Game 4 —Last night
Boston 97 L.A. Lakers 91
Game 5 —Sunday
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10
Game 6 — Tuesday
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
Game 7 —Thursday, June 19
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
(Boston leads series 3-1)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 9 Baltimore 2
Cleveland 12 Minnesota 2
Detroit 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Kansas City 6 Texas 5
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 5 N.Y. Mets 4 (10 ings)
Chicago Cubs 3 Atlanta 2 (11 ings)
Cincinnati 6 St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 9 Houston 6
Philadelphia 3 Florida 0
Pittsburgh 7 Washington 5
San Diego 9 L.A. Dodgers 0
San Francisco 10 Colorado 7

TONIGHT'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Detroit, 8:05
San Diego at Cleveland, 8:05
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:05
Chicago Cubs at Toronto, 8:07
Texas at N.Y. Mets, 8:10
Florida at Tampa Bay, 8:10
Boston at Cincinnati, 8:10
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9:05
N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 9:05
Colorado at Chicago W. Sox, 9:11
Kansas City at Arizona, 10:40
Atlanta at L.A. Angels, 11:05
Washington at Seattle, 11:10
Oakland at San Francisco, 11:15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia at St. Louis, 9:15

CFL

PRE-SEASON

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Toronto 34 Montreal 34
Hamilton 12 Winnipeg 10

TONIGHT'S GAMES

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 10
Edmonton at Calgary, 10

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GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Portugal	2	0	0	5	1	6
Czech Rep.	1	1	0	2	3	3
Turkey	1	1	0	2	3	3
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	3	0

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Croatia	2	0	0	3	1	6
Germany	1	1	0	3	2	3
Austria	0	1	1	1	2	1
Poland	0	1	1	1	3	1

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Netherlands	1	0	0	3	0	3
France	0	0	1	0	0	1
Romania	0	0	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	0	0	3	0

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Spain	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sweden	1	0	0	2	0	3
Greece	0	1	0	0	2	0
Russia	0	1	0	1	4	0

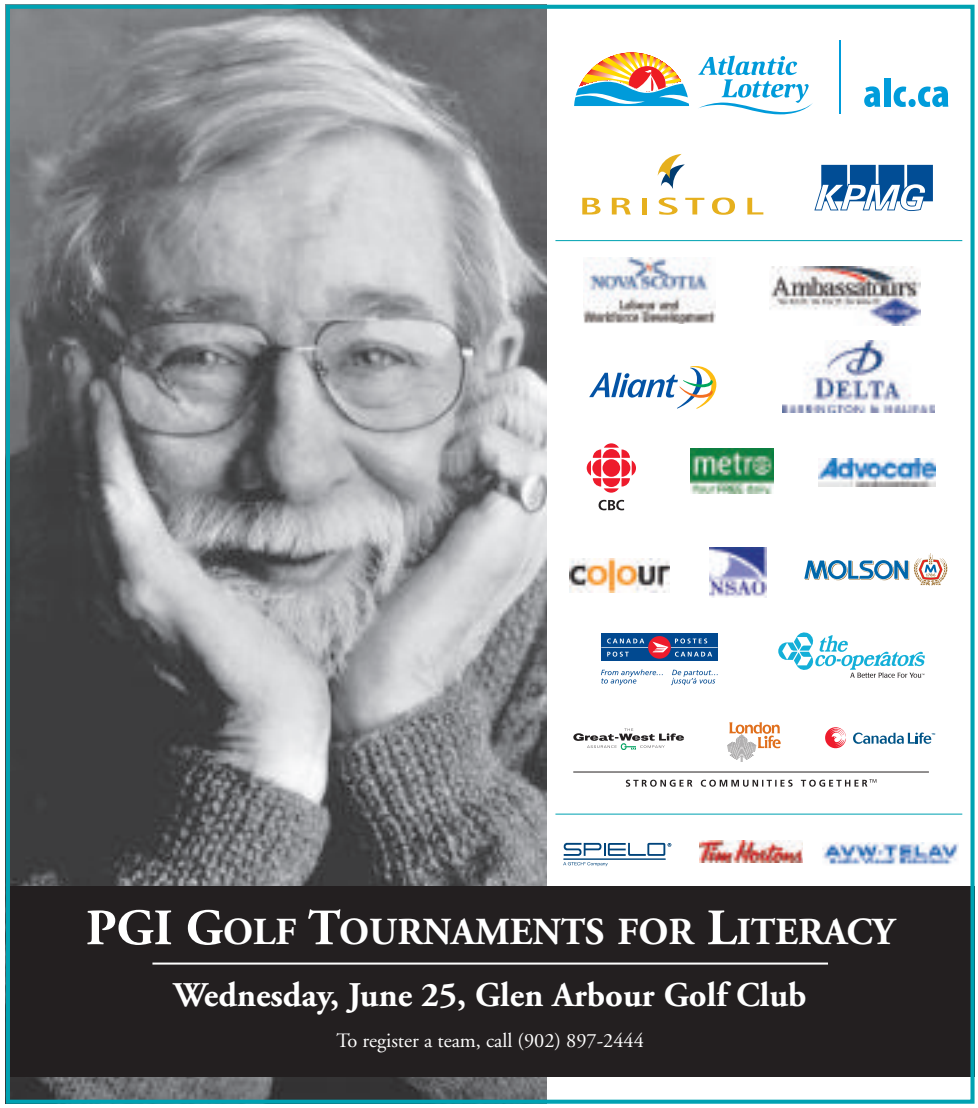
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Croatia 2 Germany 1
Austria 1 Poland 1

TODAY'S GAMES

Italy vs. Romania, 1
Netherlands vs. France, 3:45



Naugler ready for next level

Local boxer gets a title shot tonight in Nevada

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Jason Naugler has no intention of being a punching bag when he steps into the ring tonight in Reno, Nev.


Naugler

The veteran boxer from Hebbville, Lunenburg Co., is known for his ability to take a lickin' and keep tickin', but plans to leave that reputation behind when he goes up against Jesse Brinkley for the WBC-affiliated United States National Boxing Championship super-middleweight crown.

"There are no excuses for me — I'm in good shape and there's no reason for me to take as many punches as I used to," Naugler said. "It's all up to me to keep my head on straight.

"The biggest challenge is to not take shots I don't have to. Don't fight the tough man fight. Fight a smart fight."

Naugler (18-7-1, 11 knockouts) is a former Canadian amateur champ and the national light-heavyweight titleholder. He said he has slacked on training in the past, confident his ability to take a punch would carry him to victory.

While he has never hit the canvas, he believes ditching his old approach will take his career to the next level.

"When you get hit, in the eyes of the judges, you're losing the fight," he said. "Sure, it's great for the fans and everything, but to win the fight you have to hit and not get hit back."

Naugler, who is coming off a win over Toronto's Abdullah Ramadan at the Halifax Forum in March, said winning tonight will "open a lot of doors." He served a 30-day medical suspension after beating Ramadan, but is 100 per cent now.

He's confident against Brinkley (30-5, 21 knockouts).

"I just feel comfortable … Mentally, I'm ready for this fight and physically, I'm ready for this fight," he said. "The only thing that is going to hold me back is myself."

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NSSBL **Top teams battle**


RYAN TAPLIN/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Matt Thomas bunts for a base hit last night, as the Dartmouth Moosehead Dry defeated the Truro Bearcats 9-4 at Beazley Field in a battle of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League's top two teams. Steve Nelson earned the win on the mound, while Greg West and Darren Hiltz led the offence with three singles each.

»sports In Brief

» **HOCKEY** Halifax Mooseheads winger Jakub Voracek will spend the summer in Ohio training with the Columbus Blue Jackets. Voracek is living at Ohio State University and is one of six prospects who will train with Blue Jackets strength and conditioning coach Barry Brennan.

» **ATHLETICS** Caledonia's Jenna Martin has advanced to the semifinals in the women's 400-metre dash at the NCAA Division 1 track-and-field championships at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. The Kentucky Wildcats sophomore posted a time of 52.84 seconds in yesterday's preliminary race.

» **HOCKEY** Minnesota Wild rookie James Sheppard of Lower Sackville will be at the Halifax Common skate park tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. He will participate in the Amp Your Game National Gaming Tour and sign autographs.

» **DIVING** The Cygnus Diving Club will host the Summit diving meet this weekend at Centennial Pool. The competition will host athletes aged eight to 19 from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Competition is on Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Anne Hathaway opens up about being the only major female star in the cast of Get Smart, in which she plays Agent 99.

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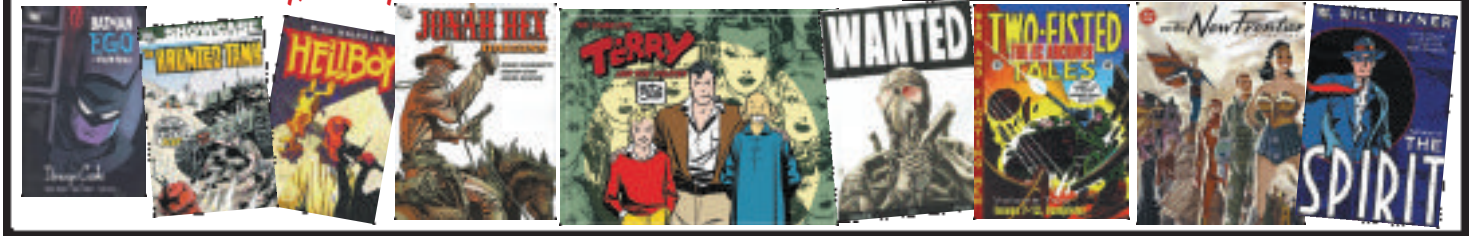
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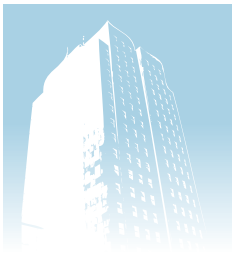
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Payne return no joking matter



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DJ Tiesto

For more local talent doing big things, you're going to want to check out the world-famous DJ Tiesto. He's at the Cunard Centre on July 2nd, and three Hali DJ's are stoked to be opening up his stage. Tony Haze, Steve Nurse and NoLuv will get the crowd going for the Tiesto, considered to be the No. 1 DJ in the world.

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This Day In Music History: John Lennon, left, makes his last TV appearance to sing Imagine.

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Top acts set to drop new rock



SOUND CHECK
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A quick glance at the release schedule for the rest of 2008 points to a shift in the music cycle — more rock and less pop.

»**Coldplay (Tuesday):** Although it's not out yet, their Viva la Vida album is already on torrent sites. Producer Brian Eno did for Coldplay's fourth album what he did for U2 when they needed to make the transition from the sound of War to The Unforgettable Fire.

»**Beck (July):** On Modern Guilt, he's gone all psych-y with producer Danger Mouse. Chemtrails, the Syd Barrett-like song that's already out, is not the official single. My pick would be a track called Orphans.

»**Green Day (Fall):** They have to follow up American Idiot. Talk about a tough act to follow. Ignore the Foxboro Hot Tubs project from earlier this year. A mere distraction.

»**Killers (Fall):** One of the hardest-working bands in the world today. We might hear a single as early as August with an album to follow in early October.

»**AC/DC (Fall):** Word is that they'll follow the Eagles by offering this disc exclusively at Wal-Mart.

»**U2 (Fall):** If past history is anything to go on, we'll get the first single sometime in early September and the album in November. And don't expect a Radiohead-like giveaway. Manager Paul McGuinness still likes selling CDs.

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Sloan's Parallel play

Rock act mines diverse influences on ninth album

By **ROB MCMAHON**
for Metro Halifax

Profile **WHAT'S THE** connection between Led Zeppelin, a custard pie and one of Canada's best-known power-pop bands?

According to Sloan singer-guitarist Patrick Pentland, a touch of anxiety. Prior to releasing Parallel Play, this week he said he's worried about the band getting pegged with another overriding influence, such as earlier comparisons to the Beatles. While Sloan has worked to shake that tag, it's a stress.

"The other day I brought a custard pie into the studio from a bakery down the street. Someone said 'Hey, remember Custard Pie, that Led Zeppelin song?'" he said. "Someone had it in their iPod and we put it on, and Jay said 'Why don't we rip off the drum beat and write a song around it?'...But then we thought someone might say 'Oh they're going through a Zeppelin stage'!"

Pentland also bats away possible connections to roots rock, despite the acoustic base of some of the new disc's songs and Wilco-esque production flourishes. Instead, he points to the band's diverse influences: rambling, electric-era Dylan, reggae, and keyboards played by Pentland's father.

This range, he said, stems from the band's songwriting process — an approach referenced in the title Parallel Play. The term, pulled from child psychology, describes a situation where children enjoy playing independently, but in the company of other kids.

"Sometimes in the past, we had not wanted to talk about how we make songs, since there's this romantic idea we all straggle into the studio, and one person starts counting out the tempo and we all start playing," he said. "It's not like that. We all play and record together, but go off and write the songs alone."

Not every member likes Spoon- and Shins-style production flourishes — but Pentland sure does. Album-opener Believe in Me features backwards guitar, reverb, eight guitars layered over one another, and a delayed organ. Pentland assembled the song piece by piece over time — the opening guitar riff was actually written last, and then cut and pasted as an intro.

"You can play (the songs) on an acoustic guitar, but there's all kinds of production on top of that," he said. "It adds flavours...It's like making an apple pie and throwing in a little chili, or if your popcorn is too salty, you pour some syrup on it. It tastes good, even if it's not something you're supposed to do."



CD REVIEWS

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The Charlatans

Album: You Cross My Path
Label: Cooking Vinyl/Koch
Release Date: June 10



THIS IS EVERYTHING a modern rock album should be — nostalgic, but cutting edge; disturbing but celebratory; danceable but contemplative. Over the years, this Manchester band has learned to draw inspiration from the best of the '60s, '70s and '80s. They have a straight-to-the-point sound with just enough psychedelia to keep things interesting. Don't wait for Coldplay, buy The Charlatans. You Cross My Path maybe the band's best yet. Four stars out of five.

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Sloan

Album: Parallel Play
Label: Murderecords/Sony BMG
Release Date: June 10



ALTHOUGH SLOAN has released records since 1999's Between the Bridges, it really feels like they've taken a long hiatus. After three lackluster albums this decade, it's safe to say the band have returned to form. Parallel Play should have been released after BTB — it's full of familiar riff rockers (but good ones), Jay Ferguson's brilliant soft rock songwriting, rich harmonies and, most importantly, infectious pop hooks. Other than the obnoxious Emergency 911, Sloan's ninth disc is finally a release worth getting excited about.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

N*E*R*D

Album: Seeing Sounds
Label: Interscope/Universal
Release Date: June 10



THANK GOD PHARRELL Williams and Chad Hugo, a.k.a. production wizards The Neptunes, have a successful day job. If they didn't there would be no way their hip-hop/rock side project would be as entertaining as it is. N*E*R*D's third effort doesn't follow any particular format — there's rock, rap, jazz, adult contemporary —and some of the lyrics are laugh-out-loud funny. If you can take this for what it is — a fun hobby for Williams and Hugo — then you'll love this disc.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

My Morning Jacket

Album: Evil Urges
Label: ATO/MapleMusic
Release Date: June 10



BALLSY ATTEMPT TO shed this Kentucky outfit's neo-Southern Rock tag, or an excuse for Jim James and pals to test one's patience with extremely diverse tastes? Just when you fall for some consistency in I'm Amazed, Librarian and the rocking Remnants, James funks up his Prince-like falsettos (the title cut, Highly Suspicious), taps into his inner Radiohead (Touch Me I'm Going To Scream Pt. 1 and Pt. 2) and unleashes a homage to '70s soft-rockers America (Thank You Too!, Sec Walkin). Not quite MMJ's White Album, but it proves MMJ is begging for artistic acceptance beyond jam-band horizons. IAN NATHANSON

Ivana Santilli

Album: TO.NY
Label: Do Right!/Outside
Release Date: June 10



DON'T EVER LET über-producer Timbaland near, let alone scoop up, this former Bass Is Base vocalist/songstress. The last thing the world needs is a deprivation of Santilli's steady doses of easy-on-the-ears retro-boogie. Santilli is certainly confident and content as soulful vocal deliverer. Still, for all the charms of the upbeat Hollywood (Nothing Over U) and Been Thru This, along with the lushly arranged Leave It Alone and All Afternoon, missing is some lyrical depth into her travels and travails of life living abroad and coming home. The T-dot and New York do have some urban edginess, don't they? IAN NATHANSON

Alanis Morissette

Album: Flavors of Entanglement
Label: Maverick/Warner
Release Date: June 10



NO ONE DOES jilted lover better than Alanis Morissette. She made millions with the gritty revenge tune You Oughta Know and her latest is about her failed relationship with Ryan Reynolds.

Needless to say, Flavors of Entanglement is biting and depressing, as she muses on what wetn wrong, while calling a "time out from all things commitment." Musically, the disc is an odd mix of hard rock, soft piano, electronica and Eastern sounds. It's no Jagged Little Pill, but rather a curious and occasionally entertaining listen.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

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Another shot at the Hulk

The Incredible Hulk

Stars Edward Norton, Liv Tyler
Director Louis Leterrier

PG

By RICK McGINNIS
for Metro Halifax


Edward Norton stars in the title role in this incarnation of The Incredible Hulk.

REVIEW THE FIRST and best sign that director Louis Leterrier understands the job in front of him in the second movie take on Marvel Comic's Hulk is the winking cameo he gives Lou Ferrigno — the big green monster in the '70s TV series — and the late Bill Bixby, glimpsed in a rerun of The Courtship Of Eddie's Father.

For the audience buying tickets for the film this weekend, Ed Norton will be playing Bruce Banner, the character made famous for them by Bixby back in the '70s, and not by poor Eric Bana in the ill-starred Ang Lee film of 2003 to which this is, ostensibly, a sequel.

Like an embarrassing relative, Lee's film is something no one wants to discuss, but its shadow hangs over Leterrier's film.

Leterrier has no interest in departing from the comic book film form, to his credit; the film sets up the scenario quickly — Banner in exile in a favela in Brazil, searching for a cure for his "condition" — and rewards us with a big action set piece and the first appearance of Banner's hulking alter ego within the first half hour.

We get the love interest (Liv Tyler), the bad guys (William Hurt and Tim Roth) and the stock conspiracy theory plot mechanism with a secret military program; everything in its place and a place for everything.

What Ang Lee overlooked — or ignored — was that the comic book film is rarely interested in innovation, and especially innovation that deprives it of its brute thrills in favour of a more nuanced exploration of character. Like it or not, the successful comic franchise film craves the familiar — how else do you explain the roar that issued from the preview audience during the film's coda, which featured a cameo by Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark — aka Iron Man — which borrowed the good karma of summer 2008's much more successful big screen comic franchise to give its audience the "happy ending" they craved?

Sensual adventure

Young People F---ING

Stars Aaron Abrams, Carly Pope
Director Martin Gero

18A

REVIEW THE FIRST kiss in Young People F—ing, the sex comedy that dares not speak its full name, is tentative and almost chaste.

The smooch is accompanied by mutual insults: "You're an idiot!" "No, you're an idiot!"

Not exactly the nation-shaking boot-knocking you were expecting? You could be forgiven for thinking YPF would literally sizzle out of the projector, given all the heat its title has provoked from clueless politicians and self-righteous moralists.

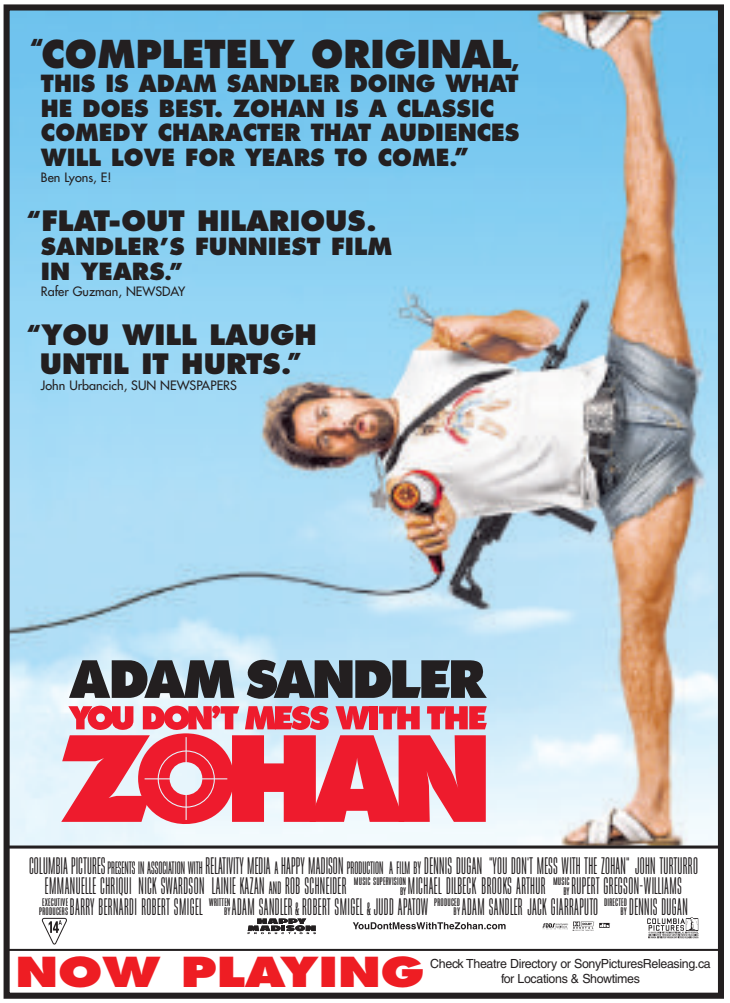
In truth, Canadian filmmaker Martin Gero's very funny and insightful feature debut is far less shocking that its detractors — most of whom haven't even seen it — would have you believe.

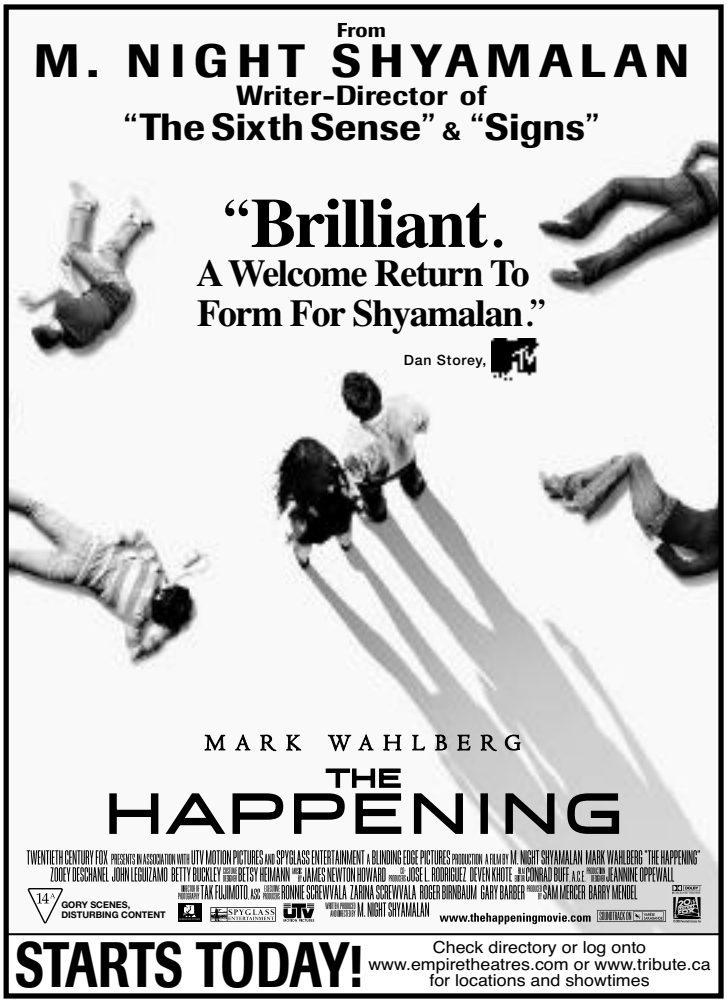
Older canoodlers, those of us pointedly excluded by the title (but let's forgive that, shall we?), will recognize YPF as a slightly raunchier version of Love, American Style, a TV series popular in the early 1970s. It shares the same sketch format of 20-something and 30-something couples working out various love dilemmas.

The only difference here is that one of the couples is a threesome.

If you're looking for a good time and a little wisdom, then come right in.

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Mark Wahlberg, left, rejected the chance to reunite with the other members of 1990s group The Funky Bunch, claiming he is too old to rap, according to imdb.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The Happening spoiled early

The HAPPENING

Stars Mark Wahlberg, Zooey Deschanel, John Leguizamo
Director M. Night Shyamalan

14A

By **RICK MCGINNIS**
for Metro Halifax



Zooey Deschanel and Mark Wahlberg star in The Happening.

REVIEW THERE WAS once a punk rock novelty song recorded by a fellow named John Otway with the unlikely title Beware Of The Flowers 'Cause I'm Sure They're Gonna Get You Yeah.

It was a daft rave-up that still managed to keep your head bobbing even after the humour of the chorus had worn off, but no one ever imagined that someone would make a whole movie based on its premise. This little gag — a very little one, I'll shamefully admit — was the only thing that kept me smiling once the pivotal premise of The Happening revealed itself.

The very great problem with M. Night Shyamalan's films is that once he departs from the nameless dread so painstakingly created in their setup, they've lost most of their reason to exist. He's a horror director uninterested in shocking you silly, and a maker of thrillers with one big plot point on which everything pivots, instead of a few dozen smaller ones meant to keep you intrigued. And once you've passed over the fulcrum of that pivot his films often disintegrate into unintentional humour.

The Happening begins with a high school science teacher (Mark Wahlberg) quizzing his students about some inexplicable and ominous disturbances in nature's balance, just as several cities in the U.S. northeast are being hit with what looks like a chemical attack. Things get serious fast, and he flees the city with his wife (Zooey Deschanel) and best friend (John Leguizamo), and they quickly find themselves stranded in the country as the suicide-inducing contagion closes in on them.

The film is a bit of a departure for the director, since he reveals the big premise early on, and not near the end, sparing the audience the eye-rolling revelations that made Signs and The Village so retroactively disappointing. Unfortunately, that means you can start rolling your eyes and giggling earlier, with the first film that makes itself the punch line to global warming's joke.

movie morsels

DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN

★★★½ (out of 5)

Adam Sandler plays the title role in the film, a sort of Israeli James Bond with a secret dream of styling hair in New York City, who fakes his death and goes off to live his blow-dried, '80s-inspired dream. Sandler plays Zohan with an Israeli accent so painstakingly bad that it becomes its own joke, as does the film's barrage of Hebrew and Arab slang, most of it invented.

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KUNG FU PANDA

★★★★

Kung Fu Panda introduces us to Po (Jack Black), a lazy panda who dreams of one day becoming a martial arts master, but is simply too fat and lazy to make it happen. That is until he is crowned the next "chosen one" destined to hold the title of master, only to find himself tagged with the honour, much to the chagrin of the crusty guru Shifu (Stranger Than Fiction's Dustin Hoffman). Kids will love watching a dumb panda fumbling around as he tries to save his village from destruction of a sinister snow leopard.

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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

★★★★

Film fans young and old will be hard-pressed to miss the smile creeping across their face when they hear John Williams' famed score and see that trademark fedora make its first big-screen appearance in 19 years. The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is pure summertime blockbuster joy.

BY STEVE GOW/FOR METRO HALIFAX





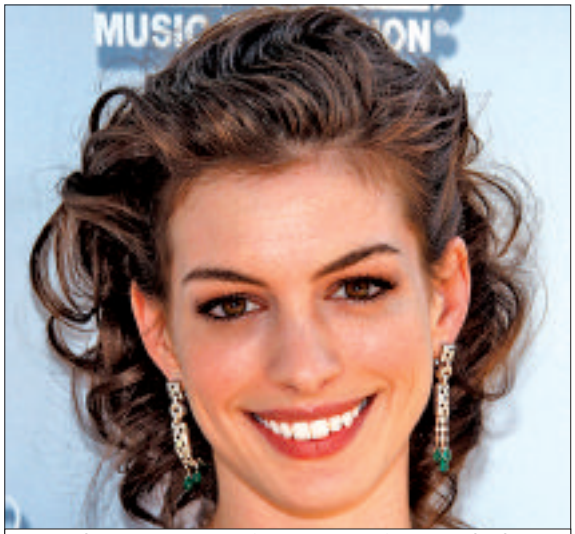
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Beating the boys at their own game

Hathaway more than holds her own with comic actors

By **GLEN MILLER**
for Metro Halifax


Anne Hathaway stars as Agent 99 in Get Smart, opening next weekend.

FEATURE ONE, TWO, THREE, four male actors . . . and keep counting the male universe on the set of Get Smart.

Enter the lone major female star — Anne Hathaway. As Agent 99, the 25-year-old had a ball playing with the boys during the four-month shoot. Most notably acting with the lead boy — Steve Carell, Agent 86, in the good vs. evil movie that opens in theatres next Friday.

As it turns out, Hathaway isn't only a good actress on-screen, but admits deft subliminal acting by hiding her nerves from her co-stars. After all, such major players as Carell, Alan Arkin (chief) and Terence Stamp (Ziegfried) have an array of film credits. "It always is (nerve-wracking), but I'm really good at hiding it," Hathaway told Metro. "I didn't want to make everyone else around me uncomfortable by talking about how obsessed I am — with them ... I very easily could have geeked out everyday, but I don't think we would have got a lot of work done. "I was very intimidated by everything that was going on, but I chose to try and appear that I was cool and knew what I was doing." Get Smart, the big-screen version, weighs in with an abundance of action and comedy mix, just like the legendary Emmy Award winning TV series (1965-70) that has gained more fans over the years through syndication. But according to Carell, it was Hathaway who was turning heads with her ... speed. "There were several scenes in the movie where we are running toward Disney Hall (downtown L.A.) at full tilt," said Carell. "I was running as fast as I possibly could run. Anne Hathaway was wearing 4-5-6-inch heels and she was kicking my ass. And I have no idea how that is physically possible." And then there's those occasions on set when real life takes over and you just have to wing it. For Hathaway, that would be having a health issue during the time she had to kiss Carell during a romantic scene. Due to a mix of using a contact solution that was pulled off the shelves last year, and a simultaneous sinus infection, Hathaway got pink eye."And my tears kind of got in my mouth, (before kissing him)," Hathaway said, laughing. "It was very glamourous." Carell escaped infection. But as Michael Scott in The Office, he probably wouldn't have.

THE CRITIC

- **Anne Hathaway on analyzing her acting:**

"I hate everything the first time I see it. Everything. Every last performance I've ever seen for the first time . . . the best I've ever given myself was, well, it didn't suck and that was for Brokeback (Mountain). I'm really critical."

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Roth revels in role as villain

The Incredible Hulk star happy to play the bad guy

By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE EVERY GREAT superhero deserves a great villain and even the monstrous behemoth that is the Hulk is no different.

Lucky for the producers behind The Incredible Hulk, Hollywood's Go-To Guy for playing the perfect bad dude was available when they called.

Enter Tim Roth.

Having played everything from an evil monkey in Planet of the Apes to a love struck robber in Pulp Fiction and even earning a coveted Academy Award nomination as the scheming villain in 1995's Rob Roy, Roth has earned a well-deserved reputation as the ideal rapscallion.


Tim Roth

"I don't mind (playing villains) if they're kind of juicy," Roth recently told me while promoting the Incredible Hulk.

"If I'm having a good time with it, the audience tends to see that."

With the Incredible Hulk, Roth returns to form playing Emil Blonsky, an over-the-hill soldier who craves the thrill of power.

When he purposely gets a greater dose of the same gamma radiation that turned rival Bruce Banner into The Hulk, he quickly takes advantage of his new beastly power — one that only the green-skinned superhero can match.

"It was a seriously large amount of fun we had making it." says Roth.

But the shoes of his character (The Abomination) are not easy to fill. The history of The Hulk goes back to 1962 when he debuted in comic-book form.

Five years later, The Abomination made its first appearance and has since become one of The Hulk's most revered foes.

"I was wary of (the fans) because they're tough," says Roth.

"But they've actually gone through the roof. They love it!" And hardcore fans aren't the only ones appreciating Roth's villainous portrayal.

Critics have also been kind to the latest Hulk blockbuster. It might not even be a shock to Roth if he found out the role returned him to, dare I say it, awards territory.

"(The Abomination) kind of reminds me of the Rob Roy guy in a way." admits Roth. "As clumsily as I play it, it's still quite carefully written so it's sort of a bad guy experience that the audience can enjoy."

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Young people 'having sex'

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE ACTORS Ennis Esmer and Natalie Lisinska aren't quite sure what all the fuss is about. Their new film has raised the ire of politicians and some in the movie-going public, few of whom have actually seen the picture. Maybe it's the title, Young People F**king, that's raised more than a few eyebrows across this great land. "People assume things out of nowhere," Esmer says. "They hear the title, think of something else and think that's what the movie is about."

"I think the universal reaction to it from people who have seen it is, 'oh, it's really sweet, isn't it?'" Lisinska adds. Controversial monikers aside, the comedy has drawn most of its attention from critics who lauded the comedy's sharp, edgy writing and witty dialogue when it premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last year.

Directed by Canadian Martin Gero, and co-written by Gero and Canadian actor Aaron Abrams, the film is an exploration of the complexities of relationships, rather than the gratuitous romp its title suggests. Still, the rest of the press Young People F**king has received has largely been tied to the ramifications of Bill C-10, which would give the federal Heritage Department the power to deny funding for TV programs and films deemed offensive or inappropriate, or retroactively revoke tax credits for productions considered offensive. The film has become something of a symbol for Canadian filmmakers threatened by the prospect of a government department being able to pull the financial plug on their projects. "That's what's so ridiculous about the controversy with the government because sex is such a universal thing that everyone experiences and everyone does," Lisinska says.

Esmer opines: "If the ladies at my stepmother's Shabbat dinner are OK with the content of the movie, then the Conservatives should just tone it down."

As far as that provocative title is concerned, Esmer adds that it's just time to get over it.

"When you put the title out there it became the responsibility of the press or the people who run the movie theatres.

"They can call the movie whatever they want."

screen times

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NEW RELEASES | THIS WEEK

THE HAPPENING
THE INCREDIBLE HULK
YOUNG PEOPLE F...ING

HALIFAX

BAYERS LAKE

190 Chain Lake Dr., Bayers Lake
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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10:05

THE HAPPENING (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-1:30-3:40-4:10-6:55-7:20-9:25-9:50

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-1:10-3:20-4-6:40-7:05-9:35-10

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-1:15-3:15-4:15-6:50-7:15-9:40-10:15

IRON MAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:10-10

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-7-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 12:10-3:20-7-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 3:20-7-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:10-3:20-7-9:10

SEX AND THE CITY (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12-12:40-3:10-3:45-6:30-6:45-9:30-9:45

SON OF RAMBOW (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:55-9:15

THE STONE ANGEL (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12-2:45-6:30-9:10

THE STRANGERS (14) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-3:50-6:55-9:15

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-6:50-9:10

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:30-1:20-3:10-4-6:40-7:05-9:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:30-1:20-3:10-4-6:40-7:05-9:20-9:50

IMAX

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KUNG FU PANDA: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 12:30-2:45-5-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 12:30-5-7:10-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12-3-5-7:10-9:20

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Adam Sandler and Lainie Kazan in You Don't Mess Wtih The Zohan, currently in theatres.

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YOUNG PEOPLE F...ING (18) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

PARK LANE

5657 Spring Garden Rd.
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THE HAPPENING (14) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:40

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:20

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:30

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-6:40-9 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:50-3:10-6:40-9

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THE STRANGERS (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:45

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (14) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:05-3:40-6:30-9:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:30-9:10

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Stereo Fri 6:30-9:20 Stereo Sat 2:05-6:30-9:20 Stereo Sun 2:05-6-8:50 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20

IRON MAN (PG) Stereo Fri 6:35-9:15 Stereo Sat 2:15-6:35-9:15 Stereo Sun 2:15-6:05-8:45 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:35-9:15

MADE OF HONOR (PG) Stereo Fri-Sat 6:45-9 Stereo Sun 6:15-8:30 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:45-9

SEX AND THE CITY (18) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 2-7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 2-7 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:30

SPEED RACER (PG) Stereo Sat-Sun 2:10

THE STONE ANGEL (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 6:40-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 2:20-6:40-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 2:20-6:10-8:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:40-9:10

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Stereo Fri 6:50-9:05 Stereo Sat 2:25-6:50-9:05 Stereo Sun 2:25-6:20-8:35 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:50-9:05

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Sat-Thu 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:40

THE HAPPENING (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:30

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:45

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tv watch



Gossip Girl executive producer Josh Schwartz has dismissed reports that a spinoff of the popular series, starring Taylor Momsen, left, is in the works.

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Heigl takes a pass on Emmy

Grey's Anatomy star declines to be nominated

ACTRESS KATHERINE HEIGL, a surprise Emmy winner last year for her role on the hit TV drama Grey's Anatomy, has bowed out of this year's race in an apparent swipe at producers for diminishing her presence on the series.

Heigl, 29, quietly chose not to submit her name for consideration as an Emmy contender this year but explained her rather conspicuous absence from the ballot when asked by Tom O'Neil, columnist for the Los Angeles Times' showbiz awards website *TheEnvelope.com*.

"I did not feel that I was given the material this season to warrant an Emmy nomination, and in an effort to maintain the integrity of the academy organization, I withdrew my name from contention," she said in a statement posted by O'Neil.

"In addition, I did not want to potentially take away an opportunity from an actress who was given such materials."

The lengthy list of performers vying for Emmy recognition from fellow members of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences was posted in recent days. Nominations will be announced on July 17.

Heigl was the upset winner of last year's primetime Emmy as best supporting actress in a drama for her role as Dr. Izzie Stevens on the ABC hospital series, beating out two other co-stars for the award — Sandra Oh and Chandra Wilson.

It was the show's biggest Emmy triumph since the 2005 inception of the series, which helped lead the way in ABC's ratings rebound three years ago and ranks as one of the most watched dramas on U.S. television.

But while Heigl has since emerged as Hollywood's latest "it" girl following the success of her breakout film comedy Knocked Up, her profile on Grey's Anatomy this past season has been noticeably reduced.

As noted by O'Neil, one of her more meaty story lines on the show this year involved her character saving a deer that had caused a string of automobile accidents.

"What she deserved after winning the Emmy was a heightened profile on the show, not a reduced one," he said, adding that she appeared to be "logging an internal protest" with the show's producers.

While not uncommon for Emmy veterans to withdraw from contention in later years — as Candice Bergen and Bill Cosby have in the past — they typically have done so after repeated wins to give others a shot.

A spokeswoman for ABC, a unit of the Walt Disney Co. , said the network has no comment on Heigl's move.

Heigl's last big-screen role was in the romantic comedy 27 Dresses, which released in January.

Daily Variety reported this week that she has just clinched a deal to star in and produce a film adaptation of Escape, the best-selling memoir of Carolyn Jessop, whose testimony helped convict polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs.

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Katherine Heigl didn't seek an Emmy nomination this year for her work on Grey's Anatomy.

FRIDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 6/13/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Funniest Home Videos		According-Jim	According-Jim	20/20
	7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Funniest Home Videos		Supernatural		Jeff Ltd.
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Spree"		NUMB3RS
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS "Spree"		NUMB3RS		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Gossip Girl (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Without a Trace (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Hollywood Homicide ★★ (2003, Action) Harrison Ford.				Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Health, Fitness	Extra (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN	Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Second Round.				Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Second Round (Cont'd).				SportsCentre
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Vengeance"		CSI: Miami "Whacked"		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Rez Rides	renegadepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Arizona Dream ★ (1992, Comedy-Drama)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Out of Sync (2000, Drama) Gail O'Grady.			Bravonews	Divas
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Extras
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman		Bone Detectives		A Haunting
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Buy Me	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Selling Houses
	46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Missing"		Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 Marvin Gaye.		NCIS
	17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Video on Trial	2008 MMVA's Sneak Peek		Gone Wild	Gone Wild	Wayne's World ★★ (1992, Comedy)		
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) Ordinary People (1980, Drama)			(8:20) Top of the Food Chain ★★★ (1999)			McHale's Navy ★ (1997, Comedy)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes		Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Birth Days (N)
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Years Younger
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Extreme Celebrity Love Splits		Step It Up & Dance		Oh So Cosmo
	27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Endurance	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Naruto	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Death Note (N)

SATURDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 6/14/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Patriots	Inside Edition	Monsters, Inc. ★★★ (2001, Comedy) Voices of John Goodman, Mary Gibbs.				
	7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE (DVS)		Stargate SG-1 "Babylon"		Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	The Nature of Things		Wayne & Shuster II		The Quality of Life (2008, Crime Drama)		
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		48 Hours Mystery		The Notebook ★★ (2004, Romance)		
	6	6	6	CIHF	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (DVS)		Sticks and Stones (2008, Docudrama) (DVS)				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	(5) Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Third Round. (HDTV) From Torrey Pines in San Diego. (Live)								Law & Order
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		Score Update		Score Update	To Be Announced			Score Update
	53	53	53	TSN	(5) Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Third Round. (HDTV) From Torrey Pines in San Diego. (Live)								SportsCentre
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) The Silence of the Lambs (1991, Suspense)				Die Hard ★★★ (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. Premiere.				
	70	70	70	APTN	MYTV Hip hop.	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez "West Coast Bluez"		Guides	Fish Out of	From the Spirit	Storytellers	Geographic
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Blue Rodeo-Rehearsal Hall		Florence K Trio		Callas Assoluta (2007, Documentary)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	John Oliver
	18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Naked Science Rockies.		Dirty Jobs		Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Handyman Superstar		The Big Flip	The Big Flip	Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST	Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Rome		Secrets of the Snake Goddess		Three Kings ★★★ (1999, War), Ice Cube		
	17	17	17	MM	2008 MMVA's Sneak Peek		Wayne's World ★★ (1992, Comedy) Mike Myers.				So You Think You Can Dance		
	206	206	206	PIX	Heartbrk Ridge	Clear and Present Danger ★★★ (1994, Suspense) Harrison Ford.					Chain Reaction ★★ (1996, Action)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Cradle of Lies (2006, Suspense) Shannon Sturges, Dylan Neal.				Past Tense (2006, Suspense) Paula Trickey.				Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Party Mamas	The List	Superstar Hair Challenge		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Matchmaker
	21	21	21	TLC	Property Ladder (HDTV)		Moving Up "Spaced Out"		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (HDTV)		Moving Up (N)
	22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	The First Wives Club ★★★ (1996, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler.					First Daughter ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.

SUNDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 6/15/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Extreme Makeover: Home		Pregame	NBA Count	NBA Basketball: Finals -- Celtics at Lakers		
	7	7	7	ASN	Kyle XY		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Smallville "Cure" (HDTV)		To Be Announced		Housewives
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland		How Do You Solve-Maria		Othello, the Tragedy of the Moor (2008, Drama)				CBC News
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		The 62nd Annual Tony Awards Honoring excellence on Broadway. (Live)				
	6	6	6	CIHF	renegadepress	King of the Hill	The Unit		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	The Hills	The Terrorist Next Door (2008, Docudrama)				Mad Men		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Fireflies"		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	(4) Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Final Round. From Torrey Pines in San Diego.						Saturday Night Live (N)		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN	(4) Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Final Round. From Torrey Pines in San Diego.						NBA Basketball: Finals -- Celtics at Lakers		
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	37	37	37	BRVO	Kathaumixw: A Thousand		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Tony Tascona	Art is a Mirror	The Interpreter ★★★ (2005, Suspense)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Celebrity	Comedy Net
	18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters "Air Plane Hour"		MythBusters		MythBusters "Trail Blazers"		MythBusters
	34	48	48	HGTV	Green Homes	Living With Ed	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST	Dogfights		Lacandón Maya		When Disaster Strikes		Backdraft ★★★ (1991, Action)		
	17	17	17	MM	So You Think You Can Dance		So You Think You Can Dance		MMVA 08 Red Carpet Special		2008 MuchMusic Video Awards (Live)		
	206	206	206	PIX	Enemy Mine	(7:35) On Her Majesty's Secret Service ★★★ (1969, Action), Diana Rigg					Indecent Proposal ★★ (1993, Drama)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	A Job to Kill For (2006, Suspense) Sean Young.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Alexander
	40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	In Laws	Biggest Loser
	21	21	21	TLC	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (HDTV)		Your Place or Mine? (N)		Master-Dance	Master-Dance	Jon & Kate
	22	22	22	W	First Daughter	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	The Obsession (2006, Suspense) Daphne Zuniga.				Good Naked
	27	27	27	YTV	Mrs. Doubtfire ★★★ (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams, Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan.						Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol

»news In Brief

» **TV** Sarah Whedon's post-divorce love life is looking bright. Will McCormack and Eric Christian Olsen have joined the ABC drama Brothers & Sisters as recurring characters next season. REUTERS



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Big Time

Kreesha Turner bounces into pop land with a sassy R&B sound.

By Noreen Flanagan
Executive Editor

Kreesha Turner may be the only artist to credit our national anthem with helping her discover her voice. As a child, the Edmonton-born singer tap danced to Oscar Peterson tunes, but it wasn't until she auditioned for a church choir at 15 that she knew she could sing. "My mother wanted me to spend a year in Jamaica so I'd understand my cultural background," she explains. "My friends were in the youth choir there, so they wanted me to try out. I didn't know what to sing, so the conductor suggested my national anthem." Turner made the cut and went on to "fall in love with music." After she graduated from high school, she told her parents that she'd spend five years pursuing a singing career; if she failed, she'd hit the books. This June, her 23rd birthday, marks that deadline. With a co-deal with EMI Canada and Virgin USA and the launch of her debut album, Passion, this August, Turner won't be resorting to Plan B. Her song Bounce With Me, an infectious R&B pop tune, has been featured on Desperate Housewives, Gossip Girl and The Hills. "I was at home in Edmonton watching Gossip Girl and my song came on," says Turner. "It was so exciting!"

Editors' Pick

A Matter of Course

Thanks to his role on Project Runway, designer Michael Kors is now a household name. Kors' new store, at Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre, is the complete deal: It offers the designer's signature jet-set style at varying credit-card limits. The shop mixes high and low, featuring moderately priced accessories and luxury goodies.

NATHALIE ATKINSON



Gold python-skin bag ($3,995, Michael Kors Collection)

HOT LIPS

Electric fuchsia makes a bold statement for summer.

EXPERT Eddie Maleterre, official makeup artist for L'Oréal Paris in Canada ● Sweep bronzing powder over areas the sun naturally touches, such as the cheeks, nose and forehead. ● Apply a light copper shadow over the entire eyelid, then brush a slightly darker shade along the upper lash line. Follow with a coat of brown or black mascara. ● Choose a matte or creamy lipstick in a shade of fuchsia and apply with a lip brush for added definition. SARAH DANIEL DOLPHIN



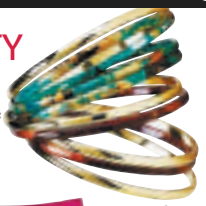
Nars Lipstick in Schiap ($30); L'Oréal Colour Riche in Wild Plum ($10.50)

Chanel Ombre d'Eau in Sand ($37)

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PRETTY



Metal bangles ($24 for a set of five, M. Bijoux Collection)



Patent-leather thongs ($150, Mystique)



Cotton and Lycra shorts ($29, Vero Moda)

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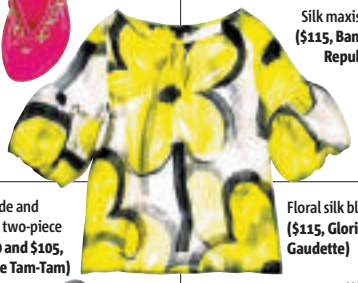
Resin sunglasses ($180, Diesel)



Resin bead necklaces ($30 and $45 each, Mary Design)



Silk maxiskirt ($115, Banana Republic)





FUNKY



Polyamide and spandex two-piece ($122.50 and $105, Princesse Tam-Tam)

Metallic-leather platform sandals ($109, Pieces)





Metallic-leather tote ($60, Chinese Laundry)

FRESH

Floral silk blouse ($115, Gloria Gaudette)

Cotton jeans ($99, Mexx)



Woven pleather handbag ($150, Rampage)



Leather platform sandals ($80, Aldo)

STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

ELLECanada.com attended Luminato's opening-night party at the Royal Ontario Museum to photograph Canada's most stylish! Visit us online at *www.ellecanada.com/stylesnaps* to see our latest style gallery.



STYLE SNAPS



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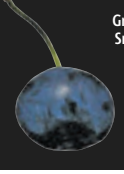
ABOVE: Canada's king and queen of fashion, Joseph Mimran and Kimberley Newport-Mimran

LEFT: MTV Canada host Jessi Cruickshank



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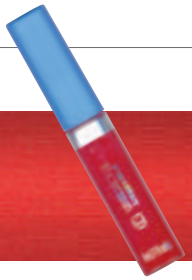


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Is going green really better for you? July's ELLE explores the latest in organic beauty trends.

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Brighten your smile and breath with CoverGirl's new Wetslicks AmazeMint lip glosses. Besides its high shine factor, the gloss freshens breath with its Crest Peppermint Oil ingredient. Red Riot shade, left, $6.99. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Get the glow

Experts weigh in on finding right bronzer

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Halifax



Counter clockwise from above: Clinique True Bronze Pressed Powder Bronzer, $23.50: Sephora Beach Glow Melted Body Butter, $18; Sephora Luminous Trio in Bronze (part of four-piece Sephora Bronzing Kit, $30): Marcelle I-Bronze Self-Tanning Cloths, $16.95 (for pack of 15).

WITH TODAY'S heightened awareness of skin damage caused by ultraviolet rays, the amount of tanning products available for 'faking it' are endless.

So achieving that sought-after, sexy bronze glow is really just about doing some research and finding the tools that work best for you.

"You can find bronzers in a variety of formulations, such as gel, powder, and liquid," explains Kelly Amsterdam, director of Clinique Global Communications, Canada. "Aside from bronzers, you can also achieve a sun kissed glow with products like tinted moisturizers, blush and loose powders. The key is starting with a healthy-looking complexion, and finding the right, custom-fit bronzing product for your skin type."

Sephora Pro Beauty team expert Adi Lando says women can achieve that perfect summer glow easily with multi-use products like the Sephora Bronzing Kit.

"Complete with a tri-coloured bronzer for that perfect sun-kissed glow, which doubles as an eye shadow, bronzing brush and lip gloss," he says.

When going the bronzing powder route, the right brush will also help by blending the makeup to give you a flawless finish.

"Think about where the sun would hit you naturally, and try making the number three down your face (forehead, cheek bones and jaw line, and finish down the nose)," he says. "These are the proper areas of application so the bronzed look is natural and not over-done."

When choosing a bronzer it is important to keep in mind your skin type. For example, if you have oily skin you may want to try powders that are matte, with little to no shimmer.



When choosing a bronzer, it's important to keep in mind your skin type. For instance, those with oily skin may want to try powders.

"Before even applying a bronzing product, regardless of formulation, women should make sure their skin is in the best possible condition," advises Amsterdam. "Any summer glow will only look as good as the appearance of the skin underneath – oilier skin types, for example, will definitely want to ensure any bronzer they use is oil-free, and will probably prefer a gel or powder formulation over a more emollient cream."

If you're not sure what bronzer is best for you, stop by a cosmetic counter and seek expert advice. It's a great opportunity to have a look at your best bronzing options, and get free one-on-one application tips and tricks.

Denyse Beaulieu, creative manager at Groupe Marcelle, says another thing to keep in mind is that less really is more. So don't start by caking on too much powder or liquid foundation on your face.

"Start with a little; it's always easier to build than to remove regardless of the formula, whether it be powder, liquid or self-tanner," says Beaulieu.

bronzer do and don't tips

DO:
- Apply on a clean face.
- Moisturize your face before applying a bronzer.
- If using a self-tanner, always exfoliate.
- Always start off with a little and add as you go.
- Use good lighting for application to avoid looking "too made up."
- Tap off some of the bronzing powder before application.
- Use a powder brush for a powder bronzer, they are usually "fluffier," allowing good "spreadability." A blush brush is more precise.
- Always remove your makeup before bedtime.

DON'T:
- Don't forget your neck and ears, everything needs to match.
- Don't mix your other brushes with your bronzing brush. One brush per item is advised because if residue remains on the brush you risk putting too many different shades on your face.
- Don't use the same bronzer in the winter as you would in the summer, you naturally gain colour in the summer even with protection so the shade you use in July would most likely be way too much in January.

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going out



Carrie Underwood has posted on her website that she will play the Halifax Metro Centre on Oct. 12. Confirmation on the American Idol winners show is expected in the days ahead.

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Painting through the years

Forrestall retrospective launched at gallery

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

Profile Before a brush even touches his canvas, Dartmouth-based artist Tom Forrestall said there is a notebook full of drawings — some successes and other failures.

"I draw to fill my head and paint to empty it," he told an audience of more than 200 yesterday. They were at Pier 21 to hear Forrestall speak about his career as the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia launches a retrospective of his work.

Called Tom Forestall: Paintings, Drawings, Writings, the show — it opens today and runs through summer — includes more than 50 works from his lengthy career.

"I am honoured that he has allowed us to launch a retrospective," said AGNS director Ray Cronin before introducing Forrestall. "This is the best opportunity to see the whole breadth and scope his career."



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Tom Forrestall's The House At River Bend is among the works in a new retrospective of his career at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Forrestall was born in the Annapolis Valley in 1936, and moved with his family to Sinclair Street in Dartmouth in 1942. As he told the crowd yesterday, he used to colour using crayons, but had a hard time staying in the lines.

"One of my sisters had something more than crayons, she had watercolours," he said. "I watched her play with her watercolours and I was intrigued with it."

His parents — his dad was a carpenter — were creative, and after finishing high school, Forrestall attended Mount Allison University.

It was there he studied under Alex Colville and learned how to work in egg tempera, a painting process where you use egg yolk to bind pigments and manufacture paint.

It was also at school where he met his wife, Natalie Leblanc.

"Natalie, somehow or other, believed in me, and believed I could do it," said Forrestall. He also credited his wife — who died in March 2006 — with encouraging his career, even when they had a young family and bills to pay. "Natalie prod me and kept me on the rails."

He also revealed to the audience something about his creative process, noting he stays with a painting until it kicks him out.

"The reason I think I paint as I do is to stay with the thing longer," Forrestall said. "The longer you stay with it, the longer it talks to you."

Music makes up for Tomcat's lyrical lack

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

When it came time to record their album, Noel Macdonald and the rest of Tomcat Combat wanted to achieve something other post-rock instrumental bands hadn't done before.

While other bands start off slow and sentimental before breaking into a crescendo, the Halifax-based group wanted to break free right away.

"A lot of our songs come flying out of the gate," said Macdonald about the band's soon to be released debut recording, I'm Okay, You're Okay. "They try to be grandiose and cinematic, but not have to be sappy and depressing in order to achieve that."

info
» What: Tomcat Combat CD release party
» Where: North Street Church
» When: Saturday, 10 p.m.

The album was recorded at the Echo Chamber in Halifax under the tutelage of Charles Austin. It is the first release by the group, which formed in the fall of 2005.

While Tomcat Combat's chords and rhythms seem simplistic, they pack a punch. Macdonald said it was always the band's goal to muster up musical power.

"We feel that if there were vocals, it could easily distract from what we are trying to do with the music," he said. "Because we are instrumental, we have a lot more freedom to do exactly what we want."

While many songs might develops out of a lyric, the band's creations usually start with a melody — just a few chords and a riff — that they "put ... through the ringer."

"We are trying to get the most out of the chords, arrangements and melodies," Macdonald said.



Tomcat Combat

music

City and Colour headlines festival



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SONIC As Metro Halifax reported last month, City and Colour will perform in Halifax this summer. The Juno-award winner will highlight a two-day — on July 19 and 20 — music festival called Summer Sonic and being produced by Halifax-based Sonic Concerts. The show, slated for the Garrison Grounds under Citadel Hill, will also feature indie-buzz band Tokyo Police Club, The Weakerthans, In-Flight Safety and Stars. Wintersleep, Hey Rosetta! and I See Rowboats will also perform. Tickets are $39.50 per day, or $69.50 for a two-day pass. They go on sale on Saturday, June 21, at 10 p.m.

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» **THEATRE** The Theatre Arts Guild is getting ready to present its season closing play, The Foursome, written by Norm Foster. The production runs from June 26 through July 12.

» **SCREEN** The Halifax-based team of Todd Jackson and Walter Forsyth has been invited to participate in the National Screen Institute's Totally Television Program, a program that trains teams to develop and produce a series.

» **JAZZ** The Atlantic Jazz Festival is hosting a volunteer fair at 1313 Hollis St. this Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. Volunteers will work at the various locations during the festival, which takes place July 11 through 19.

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Tom Forrestall, *House at River Bend,* (detail), 2007, Egg tempera on masonite, 78.5 x 78.5 cm, Private Collection, Ottawa, ON

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www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca

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Mellotones on the waterfront

Sackville Landing will be alive with a number of bands this weekend, including the always popular The Mellotones at the inaugural Halifax Waterfront Music Festival this weekend.

stayner's wharf

John Chiasson Quartet on Friday. Laura Watson and Gordon Tucker on Saturday. 5075 George St.



BAY LANDING: Live DJs on Saturday, 9:30 p.m. 354 Prospect Bay Rd.
BEARLY'S: Roger Howse Band on Friday and Saturday. Grass Mountain Hobos matinee on Saturday. Blues Jam with Brad Conrad on Sunday. 1269 Barrington St.
BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. Live music on Satrudays.4 Forest Hills.
BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. $4. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. $5. 5287 Prince St.
CELTIC CORNER: Mike Forbes Band on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.
CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. 1743 Grafton St.
COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.
DAVE COLITTLES: Karaoke with Mike Gough on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.
THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.
DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.
ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Darren Arsenault on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.
EMBASSY: House and trance on Friday. Top 40 and R & B on Saturday. 1661 Argyle St.
THE FIFE AND DRUM: Gravity on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.
FINBAR'S: Tim Bowers on Friday. Blarney Stone on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.
FOGGY GOGGLE: Live music on Friday. 1667 Argyle St.
GINGER'S TAVERN: Fantods, The Blank Stares, Speedy Recovery, and The Upbeat on Friday. Cassie MacDonald, Under the Parade, Modern Citizen Band, and Asonia on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.
GUS' PUB: Art Department, Call Center, and Luke Merdsoy on Friday. The 3 Tards, Myles Deck and the Fuzz, Rockstorm, and Black Moor on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.
HALIFAX ALEHOUSE: The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday.
THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Carson Downey on Friday and Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.
HELL'S KITCHEN: Slayer Tribute with War Ensemble on Friday. 2037 Gottingen St.
THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.
KEY LARGO'S: DJ IV on Friday. Asia and NuGruv on Saturday. 70 First Lake Dr.
LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.
LOWER DECK: McGinty on Friday and Saturday. Paul Lamb and Cory Tetford matinee on Friday and Saturday. Signal Hill on Sunday. Historic Properties.
MARQUEE CLUB: Maddison Avenue with Silvergun and others on Friday. $8. 2037 Gottingen St.
MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Thursday and Sunday. 6100 Young St.
MONTES: Roosterman Blues Band on Friday. Redmoon Band on Saturday. Karaoke with Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.
MY SON'S PLACE: Open mic on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.
NENAGH BAR: Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Grover Country on Saturday. Port and Starboard on Sunday. 40 Wright Ave.
OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.
O'CARROLL'S: Brennan & Bonny Jean MacDonald on Friday and Saturday. David StoneDobson on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.
OLD TRIANGLE: Barry Williams on Friday and Saturday. David Stone matinee on Saturday. Reel East on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.
OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday, 4:30 p.m. 19 Norm Newman Dr.
THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturdays. 1721 Brunswick St.
PARKSIDE PUB: Last Call on Friday and Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.
PASSAGE ALE HOUSE: Second Plan Band on Saturday. 36 Government Wharf.
THE PAVILLION: Chasing Mercury and others on Friday, 6:30 p.m. $7. Thy Goat, Moniker, Mothers of Pigs and others on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. $7. 5816 Cogswell St.
PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday. Granville Mall.
POGUE FADO: Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday. Keith Andrews on Tuesday. 1581 Barrington St.
PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Six Guitars and One Drum on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.
THE RED FOX: Blueberry Grunt on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.
THE RED STAG: High Tide on Friday and Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.
REFLECTIONS: DJ No Luv on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. Ultimate Icons Night on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.
RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Mustangs on Friday and Saturday. Montana on Sunday. 121 Ilsley Ave.
THE SEAHORSE: The Grass, Laura Merrimen and The Lonesome Travellers on Friday. $6. Music Nova Scotia night on Tuesday. 1659 Argyle St.
THE SHORE CLUB: Green With Envy on Saturday. 250 Hubbards Rd.
THE SPLIT CROW: Fortune's Hand on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone matinee on Friday. High Tide on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.
TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. 1588 Granville St.
WINSTON'S: Criss Cross on Friday. DJ Pan de Monium on Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.



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Chris Colepaugh and The Cosmic Crew are performing at The Seahorse Tavern on Saturday night at 10 p.m. Tickets are $6.



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Kate Mak, seen here, Nathan Lawr, and Erin Costelo are performing at Gus' Pub on Saturday night.



ANNA LEONOWENS: Akshay Tyagi: Of Dichotomies and Identities, and Amaro DaSilva: Traces. Through June 14. 5163 Duke St.
ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Works by Miller Brittain. Through June 15. 1723 Hollis St.
ARGYLE FINE ART: Southern Exposure, works by Sara Caracristi. Within Sight of Shore by Luke Naylor. Through July 7. 1869 Upper Water St.
ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.
CORRIDOR GALLERY: Portraits And The Sea. 1113 Marginal Rd.
CRAIG GALLERY: Works by the Dartmouth Visual Arts Society. Through June 29. Alderney Landing.
DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Ghosts in the Landscape, Vietnam Revisited. Zhari-Panjwai: Dispatches from Afghanistan. Through June 29. 6101 University Ave.
FRED GALLERY: Lynda Shalagan's Fragile Beauties. Through July 20. 2606 Agricola St.
GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE: Gerald Ferguson's Ash Can Paintings. Through June 13. 1869 Granville St.
HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Michael Lewis: Holidays in the Sun. Through July 6. 5519 Young St.
THE KYBER: Aubrey Reeves: Dagbok. Through June 28. 1588 Barrington St.

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galleries

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Works by Kyla Mallett. Through Aug. 10. 166 Bedford Hwy.
PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.
THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.
STUDIO 21 FINE ART: Works by Elizabeth Enders and David Sorenson. Through June 18. 1223 Lower Water St.
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Burrow/Terrier, work by four artists. Through June 15. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.
SECORD GALLERY: Works by various artists. 6301 Quinpool Rd.
STUDIO 21: Mark Grantham: Bliss. Painterly Reductions by Elizabeth Enders and David Sorensen. Through June 18. 1223 Lower Water St.
VIETH STREET GALLERY: Outsider art. Through June 30. 3115 Veith St.
VIEWPOINT GALLERY: The Changing Face of China, by Anne Launcelott. Through June 29. 1272 Barrington St.
ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Historical paintings and drawings. Through June 26. 5415 Doyle St.
DISCOVERY CENTRE: 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.
MARTIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Opens June 3. 1675 Lower Water St.
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.
PIER 21: Asian Heritage Month. Through June 15. 1055 Marginal Rd.



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An exhibit called The Changing Face of China, by photographer Anne Launcelott is on display at Viewpoint Gallery on Barrington Street through June 29.

theatre

DARTMOUTH PLAYERS: The Spitfire Grill. Through June 28. Visit www.dartmouthplayers.ns.ca.
GRAFTON ST. DINNER THEATRE: Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.
HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE: Frients (Buds). Through June 15. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.
TNS SPACE: A Skull in Connemara. Through June 14. 2353 Agricola St. Call 422-6011 ext 102.

events

ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE: Cirque Siana on June 27 and 28. D250 youth band competition on July 1. Visit www.easternfront.ns.ca or call 1-888-311-9090.
BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE: Awdrey Rawlings and the Elliotts in support of Silent Witness on Sunday. Visit www.bellaroseartscentre.com.
CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Howie Mandel on June 21. For tickets call 451-1221.
CUNARD CENTRE: Tiesto on July 2. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com.
DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Opera Nova Scotia presents Idomeneo on Friday through Sunday. Call 494-3820. 6101 University Ave.
EXHIBITION PARK: 50 Plus Expo on Friday and Saturday. Email www.50plusexpo.ns.ca.
HALIFAX METRO CENTRE: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo on July 1 through 8. Call 451-1221. 1800 Argyle St.
PIER 21: Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.
ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH: Halifax Greek Fest 2008. Friday through Sunday. 38 Purcell's Cove Rd. www.greekfest.org
YUK YUK'S: Gilson Lubin with Mark Little & Bill Wodd on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.

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This weekend is your last opportunity to see Little Ray's Reptile Zoo at the Maritime Museum of Natural History



celebritybuzz

Oprah's got the power

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey is still the world's most powerful celebrity, BBC News Online reports Forbes magazine as saying.

The 54-year-old came top of its annual countdown for the second year running, and the fifth time overall.

Golfer Tiger Woods came second, just ahead of actress Angelina Jolie, former Destiny's Child singer Beyoncé Knowles and soccer star David Beckham.

Forbes' list is based on celebrities' earnings, Internet presence and press, television and radio coverage.

Other stars in the Top 10 include reformed pop band The Police, in joint seventh place with rapper Jay-Z.

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is ranked at nine, having come in 48th in last year's rundown.

Her earnings over the past 12 months – estimated to be $300 million US – make her the wealthiest celebrity on the list.

Actor Brad Pitt is ranked in 10th place, making him and Jolie one of two "power couples" to make the Top 10.

Jay-Z and Knowles are the other, having secretly married earlier this year.

Pop star Madonna, rock band The Rolling Stones and singer Elton John have all fallen out of the Top 10, as has actor Tom Cruise.

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Chris talks about girl struggles

Coldplay front man Chris Martin admits he was a late bloomer, usmagazine.com reports.

"I had a tricky time with girls until I was, like, 21. I got trapped in the friendship tip many, many times," he tells Rolling Stone. "It was like, 'I need to be a rock star because this is no good: Being the kind of guy that everybody likes but no one wants to have sex with.' "

Still, Martin admits he hasn't had a lot of hot-and-heavy romances in his life. He says his wife Gwyneth Paltrow is his only "serious relationship."

He adds he enjoys the challenge of being married to the Oscar-winning actress.

"I always felt it would be great to be with a very powerful woman because it would keep you in your place," he says. "Being married to someone very successful and very powerful basically keeps you hungry to improve."

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Shayne, Bachelor Matt may be over

The romance between The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant and his final rose recipient, Shayne Lamas, is over, intouchweekly.com reports

"She asked him to leave her apartment in Studio City, (Calif.)," says the insider. "They're just pretending to still be together to save face for the show."

However, Grant insists the couple is still engaged and together – although he admits he did move into his own bachelor pad.

"I was at her place for a few weeks, but it was a small apartment," Grant says. "It's obviously a testing time for us as a couple, so it just seemed that it'd be great for us to have our own little space. We didn't want to be on top of each other early on."

Grant also says that Lamas didn't kick him out of her apartment.

"It wasn't like she said, 'You've got to get out!' ... It was just an agreement," says Grant. Metro News Services



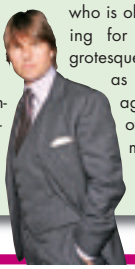
Tom snaps back

Tom Cruise's lawyer has hit back at a TV doctor who questioned the star's mental heath, calling Celebrity Rehab's Dr. Drew Pinsky "unprofessional" and "unqualified," imdb.com reports.

Pinsky has written an article for Playboy suggesting Cruise might be mentally ill for getting involved with the Church of Scientology. The medical expert also claims the actor may have suffered some kind of childhood trauma.

But Cruise's attorney, Bert Fields, has slammed the article. "This unqualified television performer who is obviously just looking for notoriety is so grotesquely unprofessional as to pretend to diagnose Tom and others without ever meeting them."

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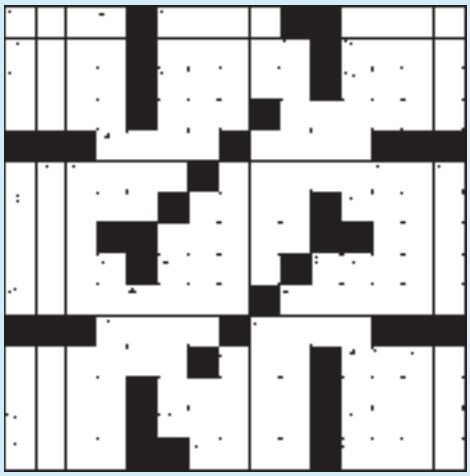
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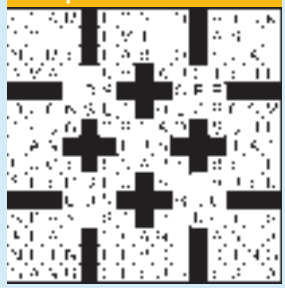
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22 Reward
24 Chariot race locale
26 "Road" pictures
27 Bugs out
30 More plump
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35 House addition
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67 Ragout

previous answer



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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Your ability to find happiness needs some fine-tuning. Speak lovingly to a special person. Be more rational with a needy person.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A young man will cause problems. Everything will return to normal soon. A coward will shock everyone by taking action.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Be ready for some frustrating conversations. You'll have to use your ability to understand motives. You'll decide to test an absurd notion.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
You'll be forced to set boundaries. Nobody will be very happy about a big mistake. Make plans to reach out to a friend.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You're able to relax with a member of the opposite sex. Have a good laugh about silliness. A mischief maker asks for help.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Love will bloom for an older female. Tone down your approach to a joker. Someone will back you up in a fresh scheme.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Someone precious asks you for a favour. Making a graceful exit will be the best choice. Depression comes from having extra work.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A new schedule will make people uncomfortable. Ask a bureaucrat some serious questions. Avoid having too many drastic ideas.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Don't push anyone around in order to get ahead. Seek a miracle by taking responsibility. A woman will heed your call.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A pleasant meeting will cheer you. You'll have to work with a team to get a job done. Rules will inhibit the resolution of your desires.

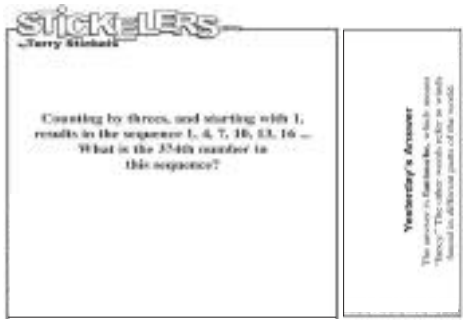
AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A suspicious man will give you the benefit of a doubt. Get ready to shake things up. You can implement your secret plan.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
A woman will say something about love. Acknowledge an error. A collaborator will appear at the right time.

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 13, 1774: Rhode Island becomes the first of Britain's North American colonies to ban the importation of slaves.
June 13, 1934: Adolf Hitler and Mussolini meet in Venice, Italy; Mussolini later describes the German dictator as "a silly little monkey."
June 13, 1970: The Long and Winding Road becomes the Beatles' last No. 1 song.
June 13, 1994: A jury blames recklessness for the Exxon Valdez disaster, allowing victims of the oil spill to seek $15 billion in damages.

SOURCE: imdb.com

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Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly cloudy. 17°	Clear. 10°	Variable. 18°/ 9°	Variable. 20°/ 10°	40% Showers. 17°/ 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 17.4°
Low: 8.4°

Records
High: 26.3°/1999
Low: 3.2°/1982

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Sunset: 9:00 p.m.
Moonset: 2:08 a.m.
Moonrise: 4:32 p.m.

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